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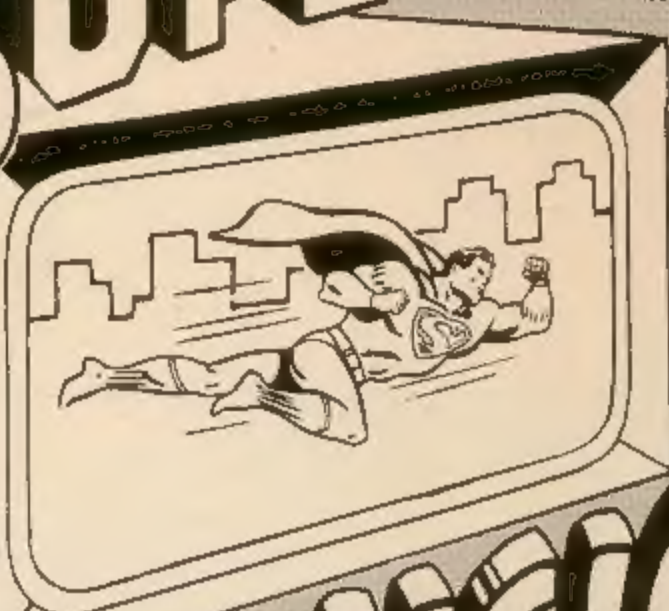
CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

**The TYRANT WHO
OWNED the WORLD!**
HE TOOK EVERYTHING!
NOW HE WANTS TO TAKE
THE LIVES OF THE ONLY
FOUR WHO DARE TO
DEFY HIM!



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CHALLENGERS OF THE UNKNOWN

INTRODUCING--

THE CHALLENGER CORPS!

WHO ARE THEY? PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON
BORROWED TIME! WHERE ARE THEY
FROM? EVERYWHERE! WHAT DO
THEY DO? TRACE TROUBLE!

THEY ARE THE REASON
WHY THE MIGHTY
CHALLENGERS FIND
PERIL IN A FARAWAY
LAND-- WHERE THEY MUST
ONCE AGAIN USE THEIR
SUPER-POWERS AGAINST
THE MOST POWERFUL OF
ALL MEN...

THE TYRANT WHO OWNED THE WORLD



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STORY BY-BILL FINGER

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LOOMING ON THE HORIZON,
A BLOTCH OF BROODING
LAND WAITS AS A POWER
BOAT SAILS CLOSER...

MAN! I NEVER SAW
THAT CREEPY-LOOKING
ROCK ON ANY TRAVEL
FOLDER! MAYBE THAT
OLD SAILOR'S YARN
WAS FOR REAL!

COULD BE,
ROCKY! LET'S
CHECK OUR
SPECIAL
EQUIPMENT--
WE MAY NEED
IT FASTER THAN
WE FIGURED!

HEY! YOU SURE
CALLED THAT
SHOT, ACE!
WHAT'S
HAPPENING?

WHIRLPOOL!
HANG ON-- I'M
POURING ON
FULL POWER!

NO USE! WE CAN'T PULL OUT!
WHIRLPOOL'S TOO STRONG!
WE'RE GOING DOWN!

IS THIS THE END OF THE FAMED
CHALLENGERS? IS THIS THEIR
LAST ADVENTURE? TO LEARN THE
REASON FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT
WITH DOOM, LET US GO BACK...

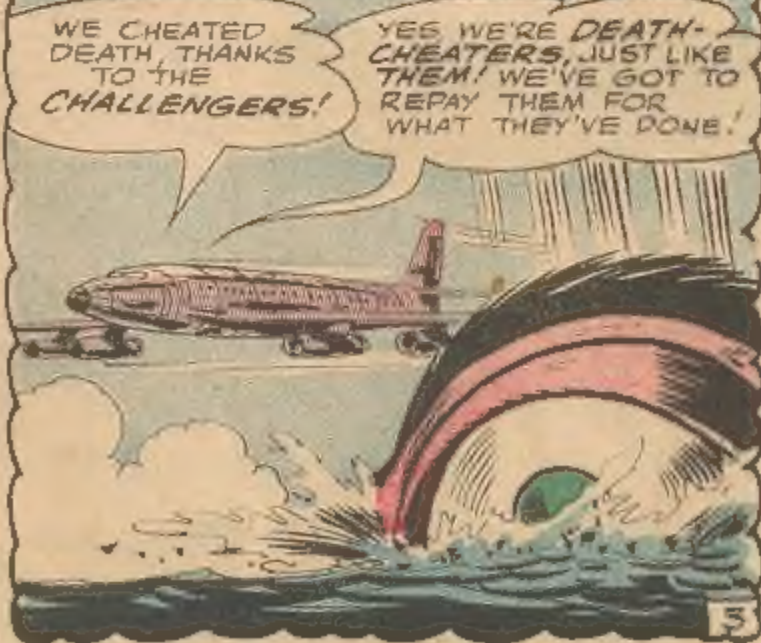
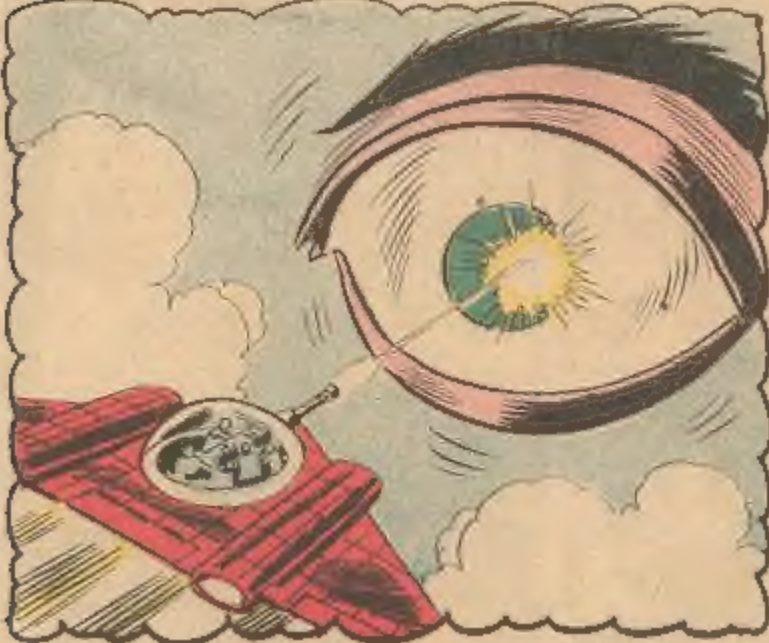
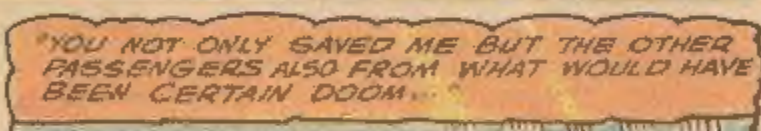
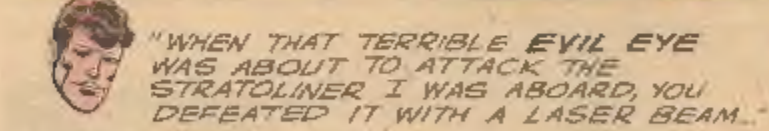
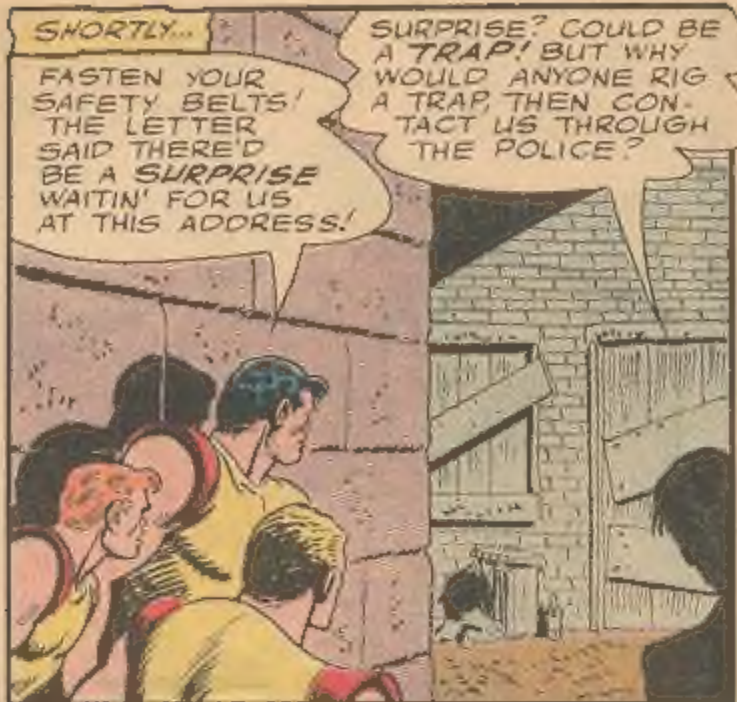
...BACK TO A WEEK BEFORE, IN A
POLICE PRECINCT...

CAPTAIN, THIS
JUST CAME--
ADDRESSED
TO THE
CHALLENGERS!
IT'S MARKED
"URGENT!"

WE'LL HAVE TO
PUT OUT A
SPECIAL ALERT
BULLETIN FOR
THEM ON ALL
RADIO STATIONS!
I WISH THERE
WAS A BETTER
WAY FOR THEM
TO BE CONTACTED!

SOMETIME
LATER...

THIS LETTER EXPLAINS
WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT,
FELLERS! LISTEN...



AND WE HAVE! SINCE WE'RE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WE INTEND TO FORM A WORLD-WIDE NETWORK OF SECRET CONTACTS, READY TO ALERT YOU TO DANGERS ANYWHERE ON EARTH! WE'VE NAMED OURSELVES-- THE CHALLENGER CORPS!

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...WHERE IT AUTOMATICALLY SETS OFF A SIREN ALERT...

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THAT'S OUR SIGNAL! TO THE RADIO ROOM-- ON THE DOUBLE!



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LET'S GO!

THAT'S OUR SIGNAL! TO THE RADIO ROOM-- ON THE DOUBLE!

AS AN EXTRA PRECAUTION,
THE TRANSMITTED TV
IMAGE EMERGES AS A
SCRAMBLED PICTURE ON
THE SCREEN...



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SCRAMBLED PICTURE ON
THE SCREEN...

...UNTIL A SPECIAL
CONTROL BUTTON IS
PUSHED, AND
GRADUALLY...

GRANDPA MUNSTER DIGS "THE DRAG-U-LA!"

The **KAT**
from **AMT**
AND GEORGE
BARRIS
GIVE
GRANDPA
MUNSTER
A
SURPRISE...



AMT'S MADE YOUR DRAG-U-LA INTO A SUPER-DETAILED KIT!

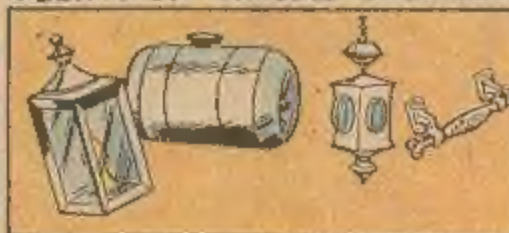
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WE FOUND A BADLY INJURED SEAMAN! HE'S BEEN BABBLING SOME STRANGE THINGS THAT COULD STAND INVESTIGATION...

OKAY, KALOKI! TELL US WHERE HE IS AND WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY!



SOMETIME LATER, THE CHALLENGER JET REACHES ITS DESTINATION...

THERE IT IS-- THE BARGE ON WHICH TWO OF THE CORPS ARE HOLDING THE SEAMAN! LET'S MOVE IN QUIETLY.

ACE, HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'RE GENUINE? LET'S SET DOWN IN BACK INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE FRONT!



WATCH IT! THAT CHARACTER'S STRETCHING FOR HIS RIFLE!



HIT 'EM, FELLERS-- AND HIT 'EM HARD!



WE'RE MAKING A SWAP! WE GET THE GUN...

...AND YOU GET THIS!

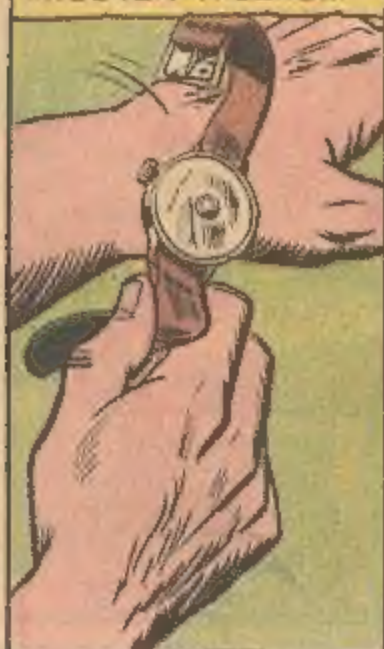


HE GRABBED HIS GUN BECAUSE HE HEARD A SUDDEN NOISE! HE DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOU!

PROVE IT! CORPS MEMBERS HAVE A SECRET WAY OF IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES!



THE MAN FLIPS HIS WRIST WATCH TO ITS REVERSE SIDE TO UNCOVER A LENS...



...WHICH PROJECTS A BEAM OF INFRARED LIGHT THAT BRINGS OUT A TATTOO INVISIBLE IN NORMAL LIGHT...



...WHILE THE GIRL REMOVES AN EARRING, ALSO SECRETLY EQUIPPED WITH A TINY LENS...



...WHOSE BEAM ALSO REVEALS A SECRET TATTOO...



SORRY! WE HAD TO BE CAREFUL! TELL US ABOUT THIS OLD SAILOR!

HE WAS WASHED ASHORE! WE PATCHED HIM UP BUT HE CAN'T LAST LONG! HE'S BEEN MUMBLING SOMETHING ABOUT AN ISLAND...



MUST TELL YOU... ISLAND... TERRIBLE ISLAND! MADE MAP OF LOCATION... LOOK IN MY POCKET! DANGEROUS... BE CAREFUL...



I WONDER WHAT HE MEANT ABOUT ITS BEING DANGEROUS?

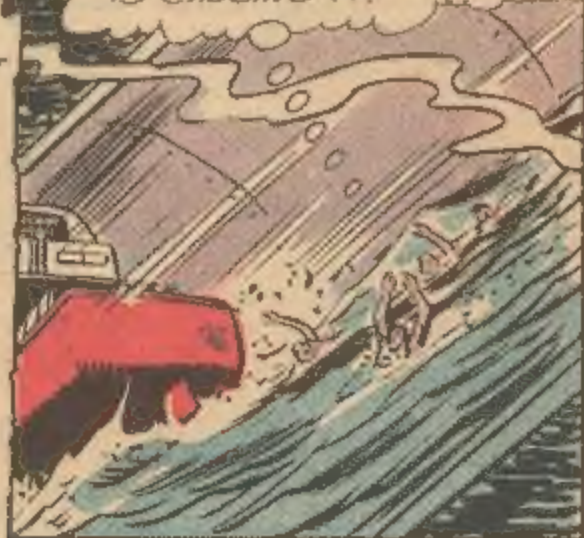
I DON'T KNOW--YET! BUT THAT'S THE NAME OF OUR GAME! WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT!



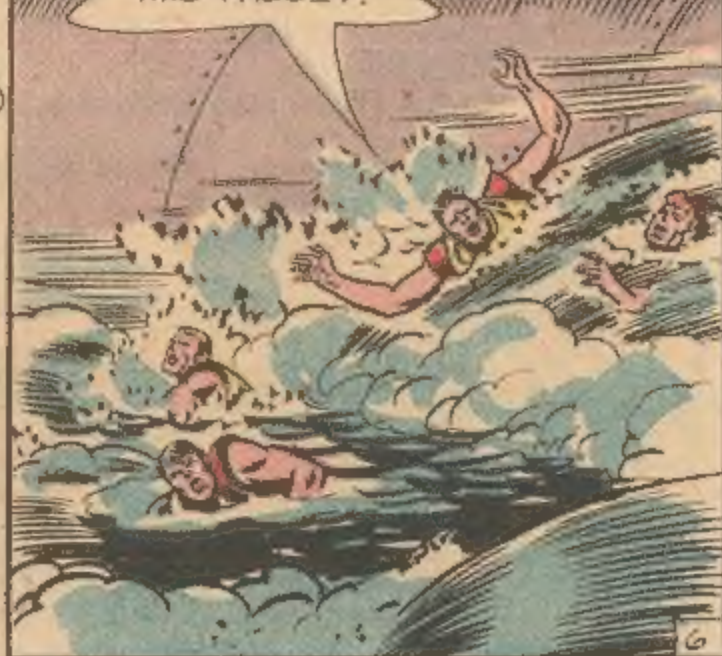
AND SO IT WAS THAT THE CHALLENGERS SAILED ON INTO THE UNKNOWN TO KEEP AN APPOINTMENT WITH DOOM! BUT, IS THE MIGHTY TEAM REALLY HEADED FOR DEATH?

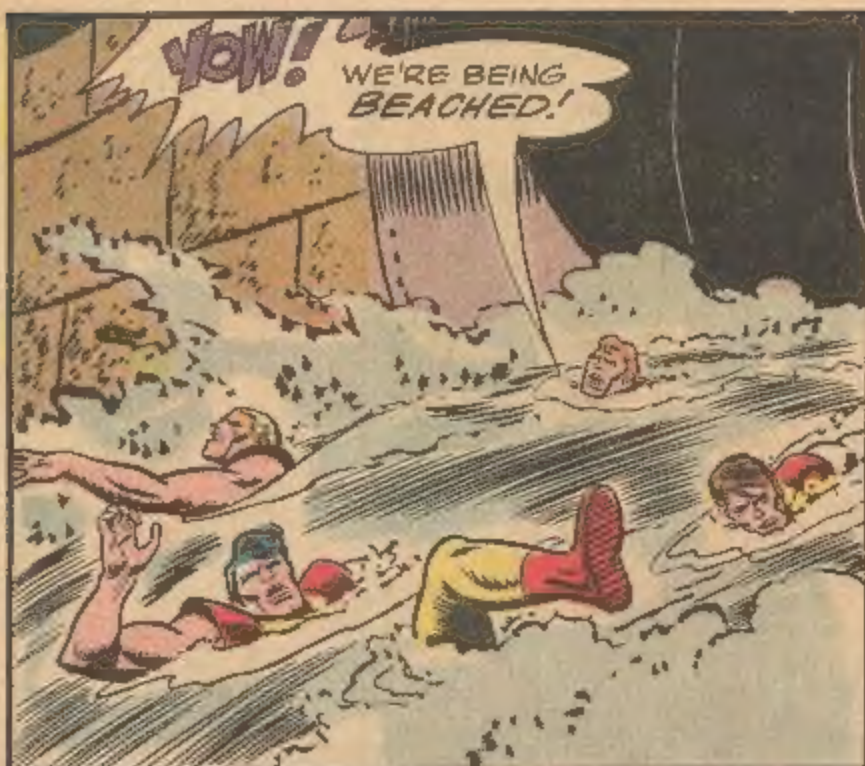
...LET'S SEE WHAT ACTUALLY DOES HAPPEN AS THE SWIRLING WATERS CLOSE OVER THEM...

GREAT SCOTT! A GIANT TUBE! THE WHIRLPOOL IS MAN-MADE! AIR SUCTION IS CAUSING IT!



MAN! THIS IS THE CRAZIEST! WHEN ARE WE GETTIN' OUTA THIS FAUCET?





YES, WHAT UNKNOWN DESTINY AWAITS THE FOUR FEAR-FIGHTERS? THE ANSWER COMES WITH SHOCKING FORCE IN PART 2!

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THE TYRANT WHO OWNED THE WORLD

REPLICAS OF
WORLD FAMOUS
STRUCTURES!
WHO'S BUILDING
THEM - AND
WHY?

I! I AM
RESPONSIBLE!

KORBA-- THE GUY THE UNITED NATIONS
BOOTED OUT FOR TRYING TO
START WARS INSTEAD OF
STOPPING THEM!

YEAH, I REMEMBER!
EVEN HIS OWN
COUNTRY DISOWNED
HIM!

I WAS CALLED "A MAN
WITHOUT A WORLD"--SO I
MADE MY OWN WORLD!
HERE I RULE--HERE, I AM
EVEN GREATER THAN THE
WORLD'S MONUMENTS!
HERE, I AM EMPEROR
OF THE WORLD!

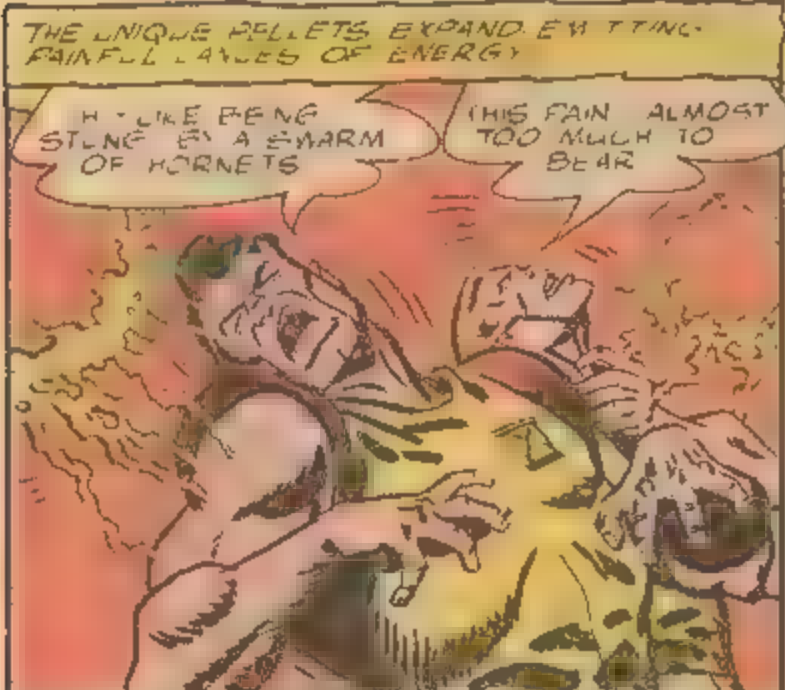


NOW YOU'LL JOIN MY
WORK SLAVES
BROUGHT HERE BY
MY ARTIFICIAL
"WHIRLPOOL"

YOU GOT IT
WRONG, KOOK-
WE'RE GONNA
WORK ON
YOU!



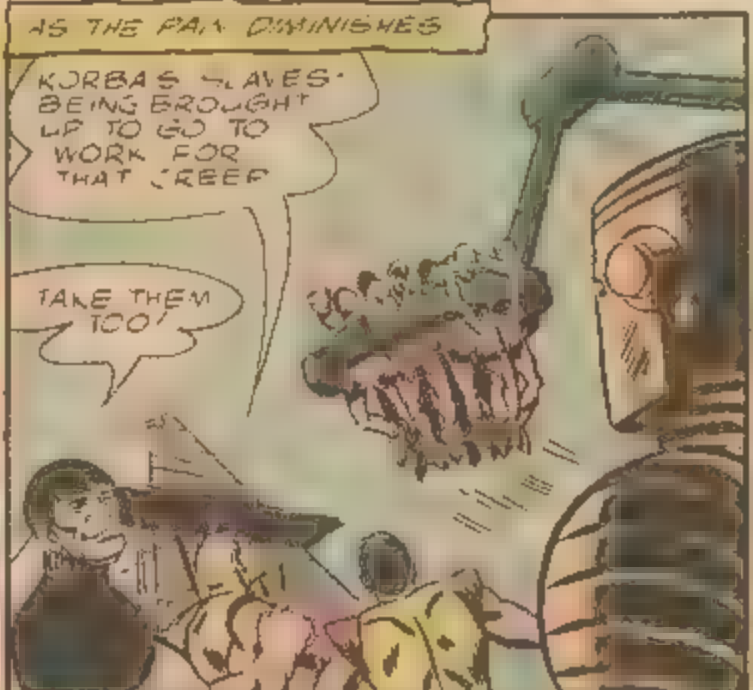
PERHAPS MY ROBOT GUARDS
CAN CONVINCE YOU TO SAVE
YOUR ENERGY FOR YOUR
LABORS AHEAD



THE UNIQUE PELLETS EXPAND, EJECTING
PAINFUL LANCES OF ENERGY

IT'S LIKE BEING
STUNG BY A SWARM
OF HORNETS

THIS PAIN ALMOST
TOO MUCH TO
BEAR



AS THE PAIN DIMINISHES

KORBAS SLAVES
BEING BROUGHT
UP TO GO TO
WORK FOR
THAT CREEP

TAKE THEM
TOO!



I FEEL LIKE I'VE GONE
BACK IN TIME--

YEAH, I WISH WE COULD GO BACK
ONLY AS FAR AS BEFORE THE
CHALLENGER CORPS GOT
US INTO THIS!



LATER, LORBA A REST FOR A

WHAT A COLOSSAL

JUDGING BY THOSE WEATHER-
ED STONES
IT'S PRE-
HISTORIC

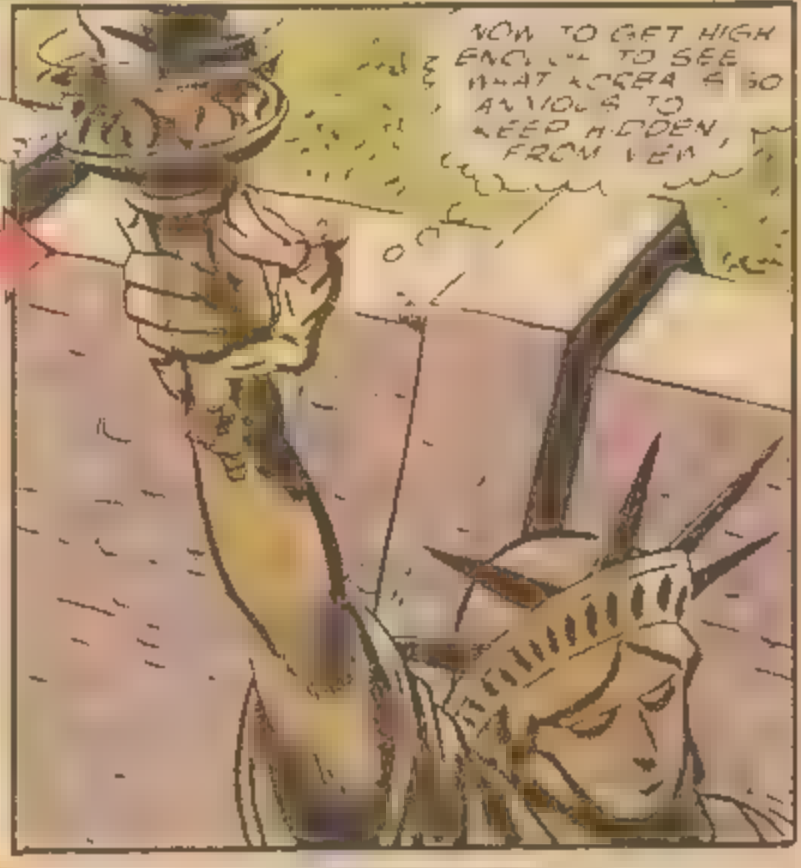
IT MUST FENCE
OFF ONE ENTIRE
END OF THIS
LAND. WHY WOULD
PRIMITIVE MEN
EVER BUILD IT?

LORBA MUST
KNOW! HE
GOES BEHIND
IT EVERY DAY!
BUT DON'T ASK
US WHY--HE'S
VERY SECRETIVE!

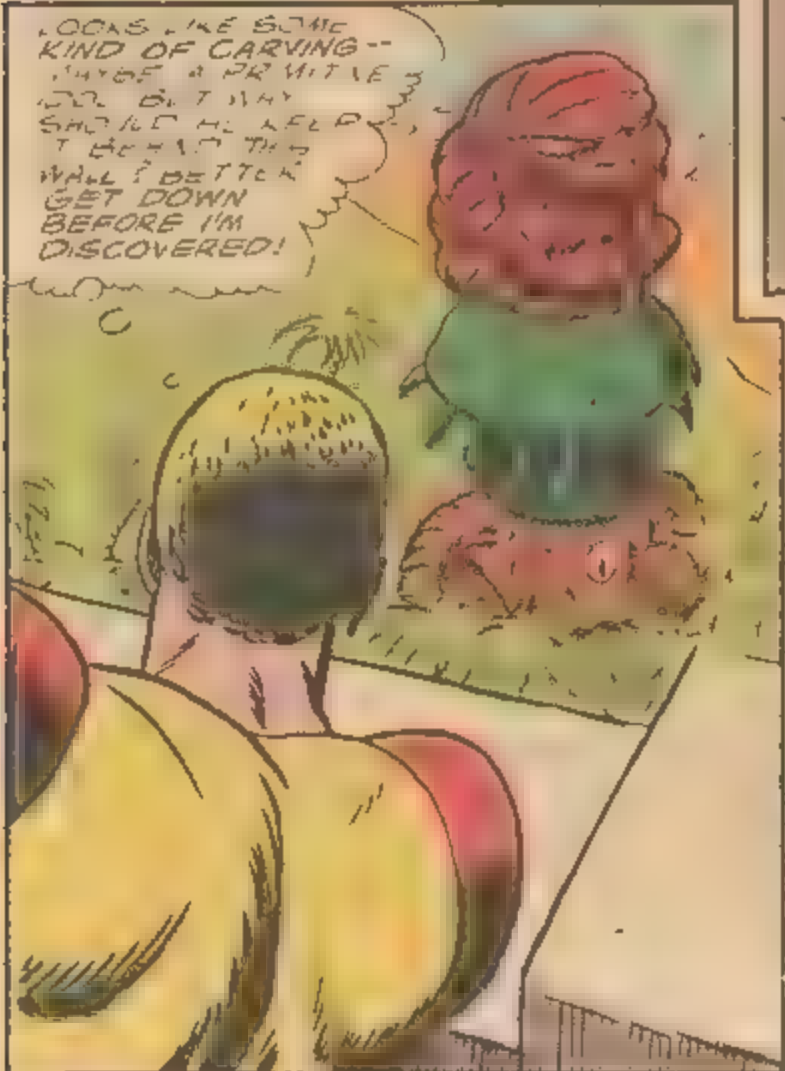


YOU LET THE
SLAVE BY SCRAPIN'
THE OLD CARBONATE

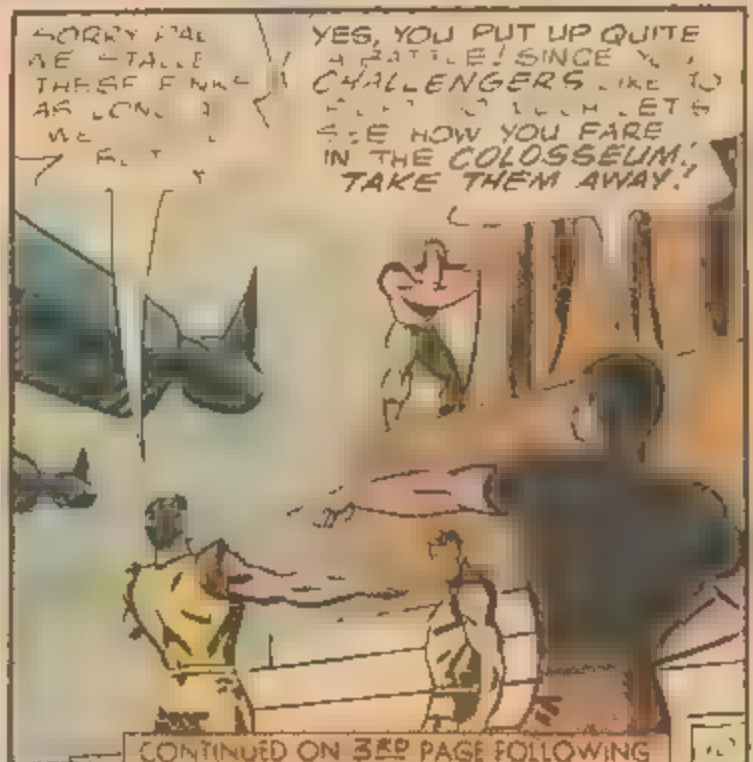
THAT'S
PRACICAL
THE CLARDS
TIME FOR
MY EXIT!



NOW TO GET HIGH
ENOUGH TO SEE
WHAT LORBA IS DO
ANVOLS TO
KEEP HIDDEN
FROM US



LOOKS LIKE SOME
KIND OF CARVING--
MAYBE A PRIMITIVE
ONE. BUT WHY
SHOULD HE HELP
T HEAD THE
WALL? BETTER
GET DOWN
BEFORE I'M
DISCOVERED!



WORRY FOR
ME--TALL
THESE FENCE
AS LONG AS
WE
7 F

YES, YOU PUT UP QUITE
A BATTLE! SINCE
CHALLENGERS LIKE TO
LET US KNOW
SEE HOW YOU FARE
IN THE COLOSSEUM!
TAKE THEM AWAY!

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What's Your B.Q.*?

ON BROTHERHOOD WEEK (FEB. 20-26)

"AN UNSTINTING DEDICATION TO FREEDOM, TOLERANCE, AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY GAVE US OUR MIGHTY NATION. UNITED AND DETERMINED, WE MUST STAND READY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY."

PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

(*BROTHERHOOD QUOTIENT)

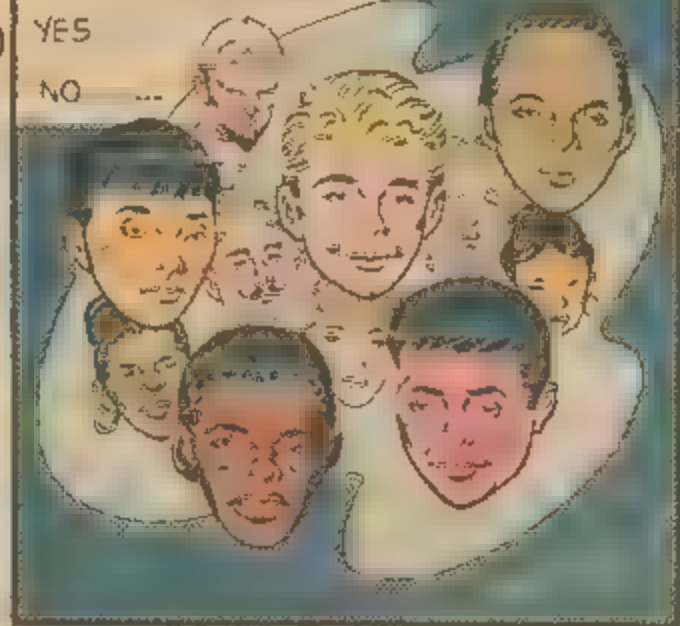
A. CHECK ONE COLUMN FOR EACH ITEM LISTED TO TEST YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES.

	UGH! DISLIKE	UM! LIKE	SO-SO! LIKEWARM	NO THOUGHT! VACANT
Alligators				
Baptists				
Cabbage				
Catholics				
Detective Stories				
Foreigners				
Indians				
Jews				
Long-hair music				
Negroes				
Spiders				

B. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL?"

YES

NO



C. DO YOU THINK ALL YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CHANCE FOR EDUCATION, SPORTS AND JOBS?

YES NO



D. WHEN A NEW CHILD COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, DO YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO MAKE HIM FEEL AT HOME?

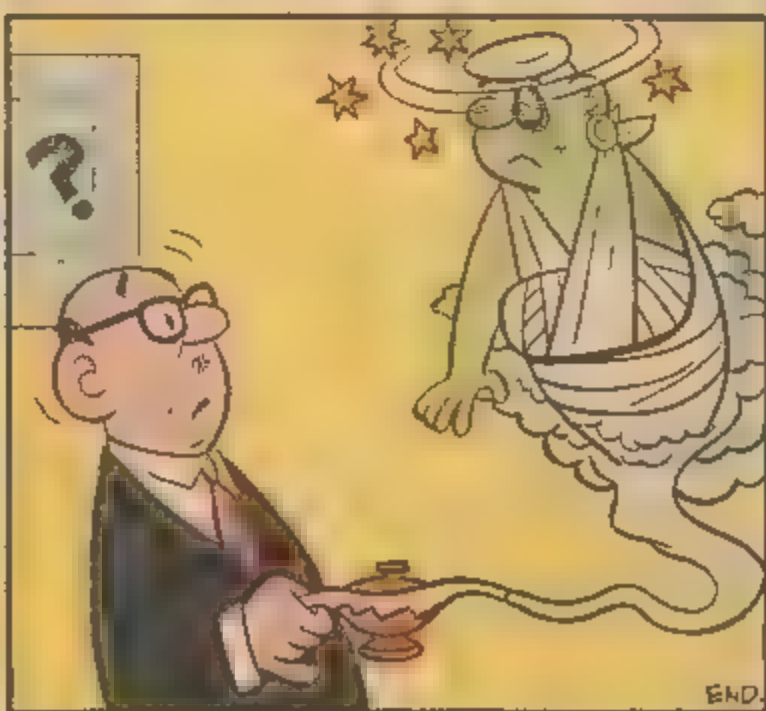
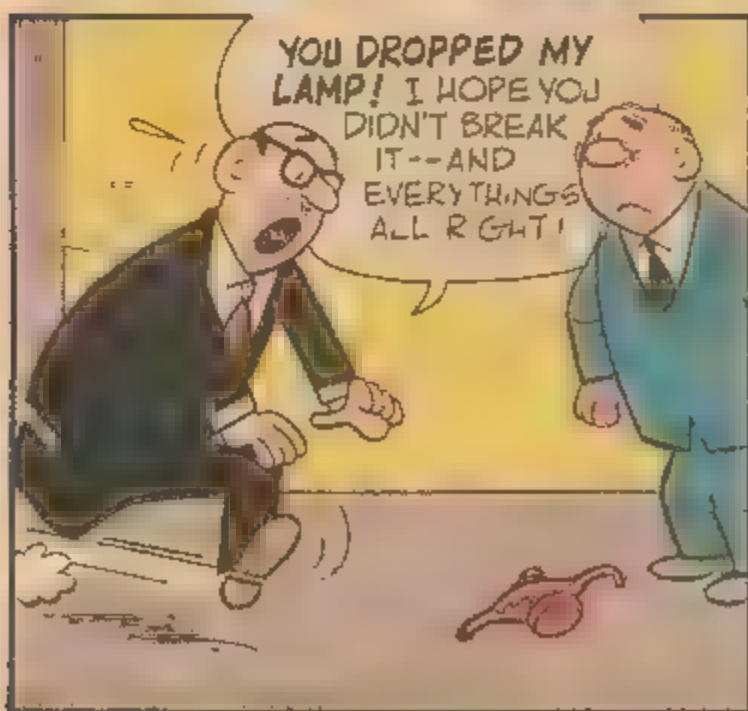
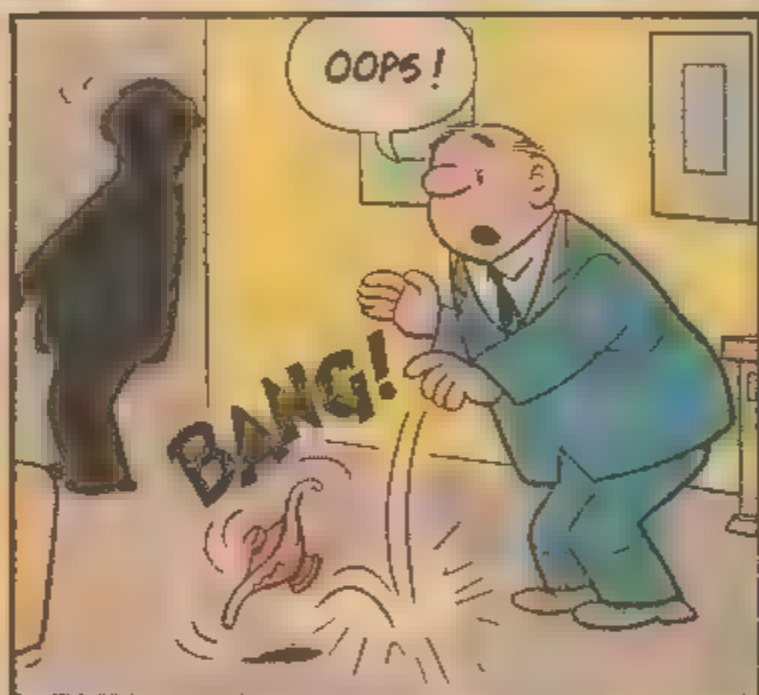
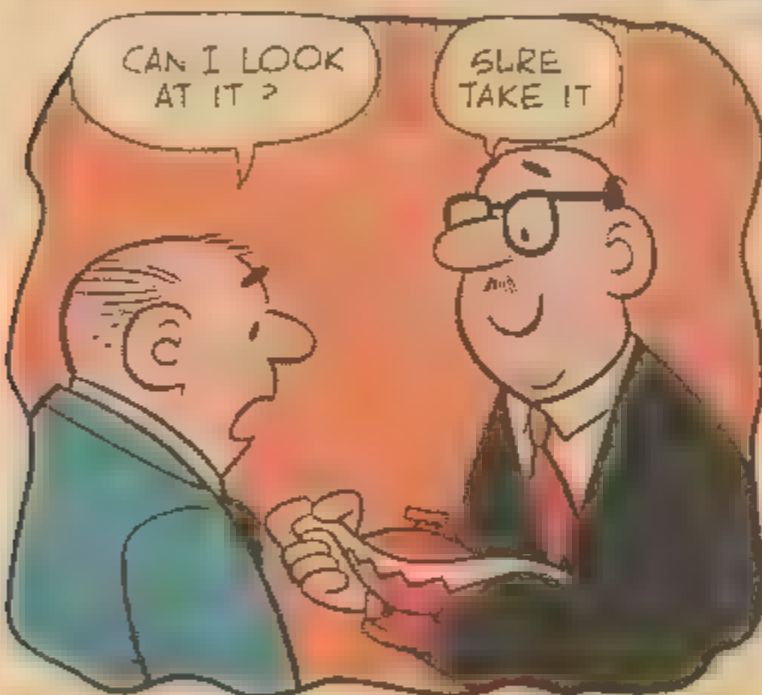
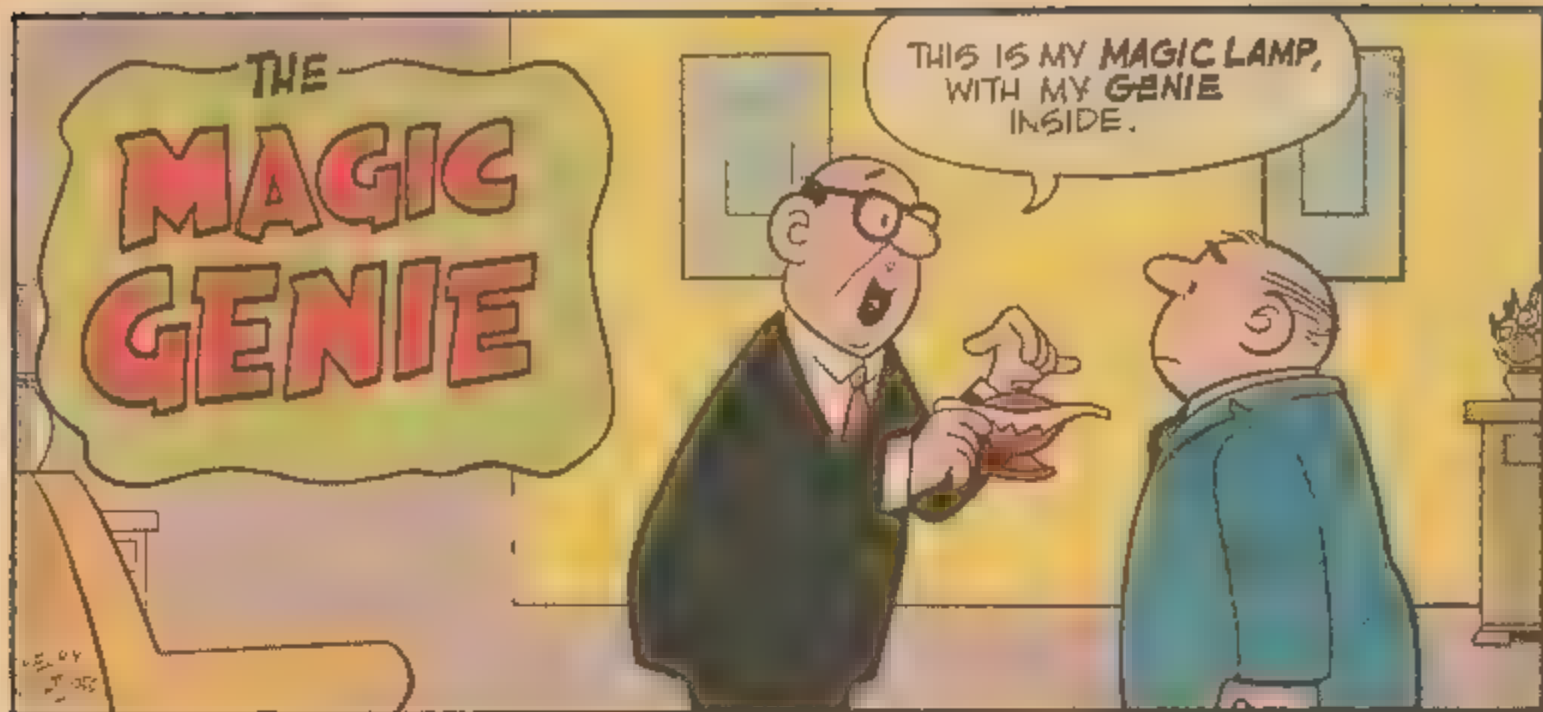
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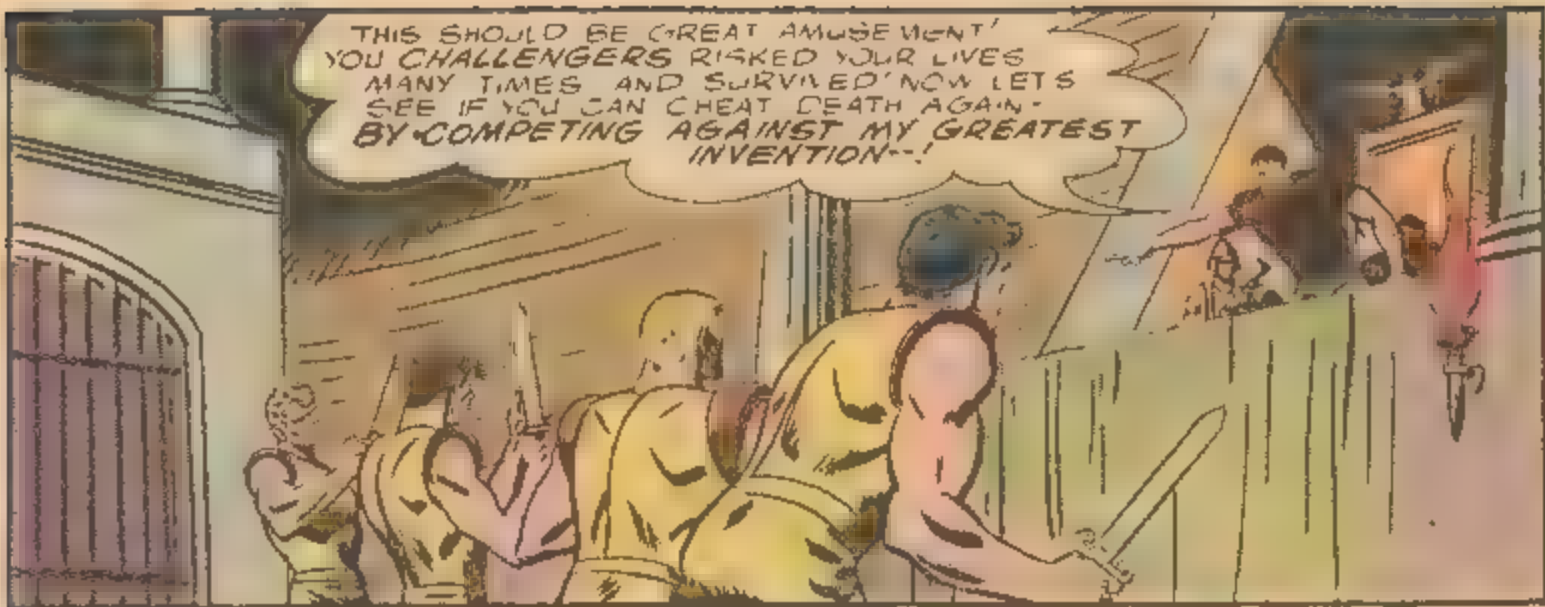


HOW DID YOU MAKE OUT IN TEST A? ALL OF US HAVE SOME THINGS WE DON'T LIKE. WHEN THEY'RE VEGETABLES OR INSECTS--NO ONE CARES. BUT WHEN THEY'RE PEOPLE--YOU HURT THEM AND CHEAT YOURSELF.

HIGH SCORES YES ANSWERS ON QUESTIONS B, C AND D YOU'RE OKAY. IF YOU DIDN'T YOU'D BETTER START THINKING ABOUT IT.



SCOOTER IS WHERE THE ACTION IS!



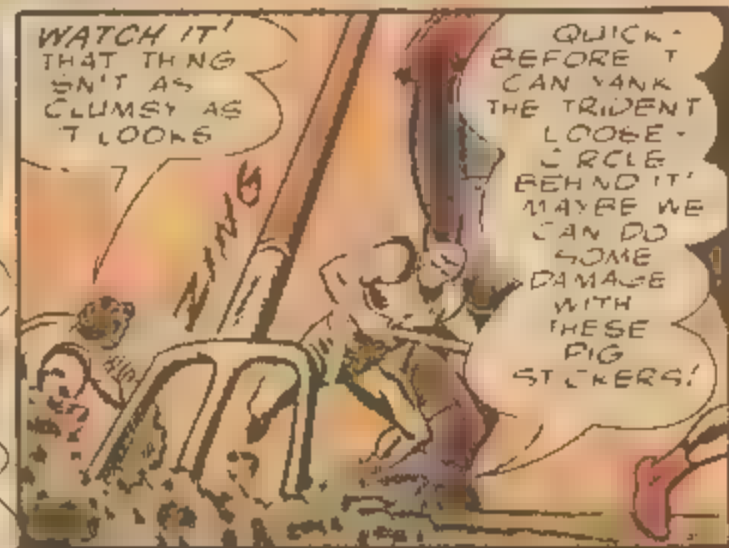
THIS SHOULD BE GREAT AMUSEMENT!
YOU CHALLENGERS RISKED YOUR LIVES
MANY TIMES AND SURVIVED! NOW LET'S
SEE IF YOU CAN CHEAT DEATH AGAIN--
BY COMPETING AGAINST MY GREATEST
INVENTION--!



--GENTLEMEN, MEET YOUR NEWEST
FOE--THE IRON GLADIATOR!

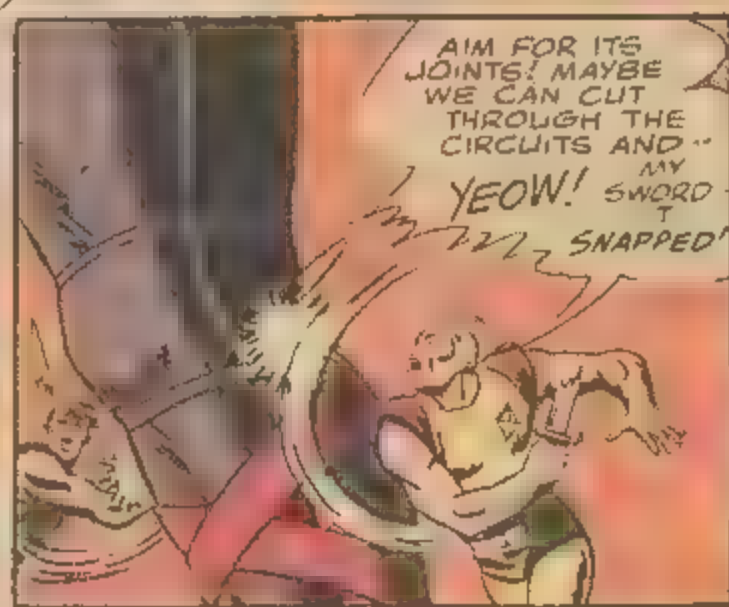
YIPE! ANYBODY
GOT A CAN
OPENER--
KING-SIZE?

OKAY TEAM
WE'RE
IN BUSINESS
AGAIN!

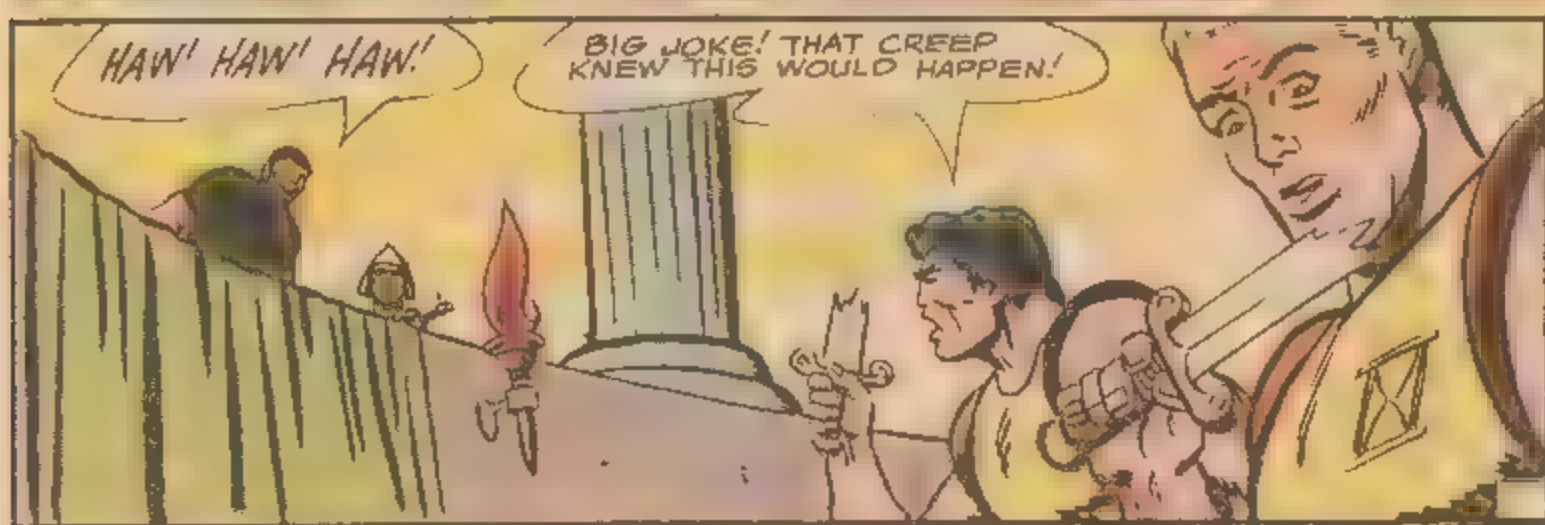


WATCH IT!
THAT THING
ISN'T AS
CLUMSY AS
IT LOOKS

QUICK--
BEFORE I
CAN YANK
THE TRIDENT
LOOSE--
I RLE
BEHIND IT!
MAYBE WE
CAN DO
SOME
DAMAGE
WITH
THESE
DIG
STICKERS!

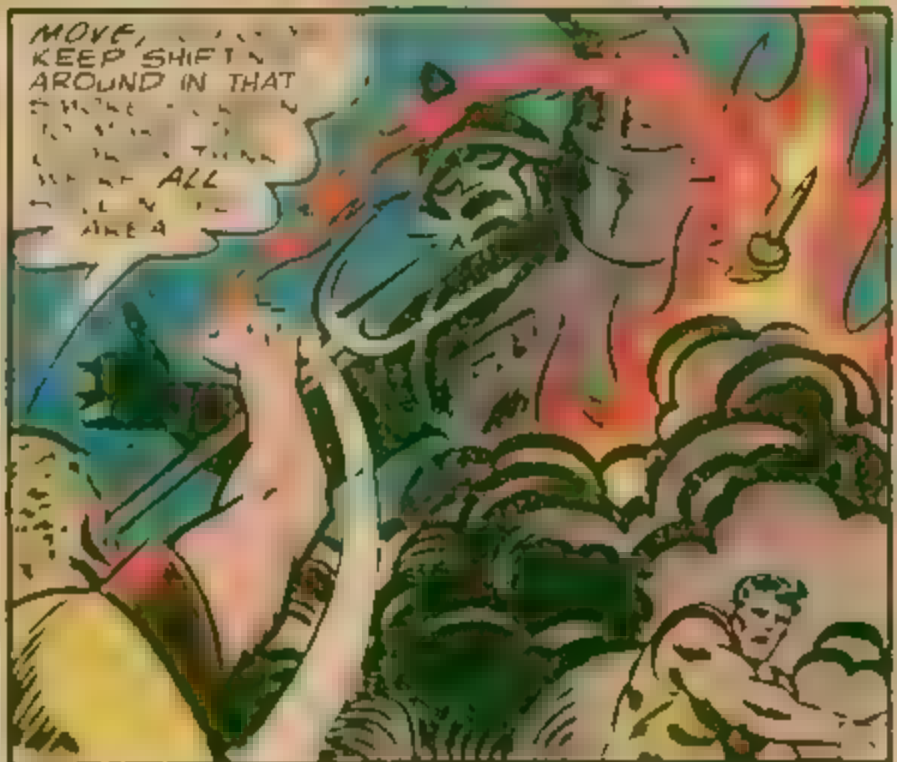


AIM FOR ITS
JOINTS! MAYBE
WE CAN CUT
THROUGH THE
CIRCUITS AND--
MY
YEOW! SWORD
SNAPPED!



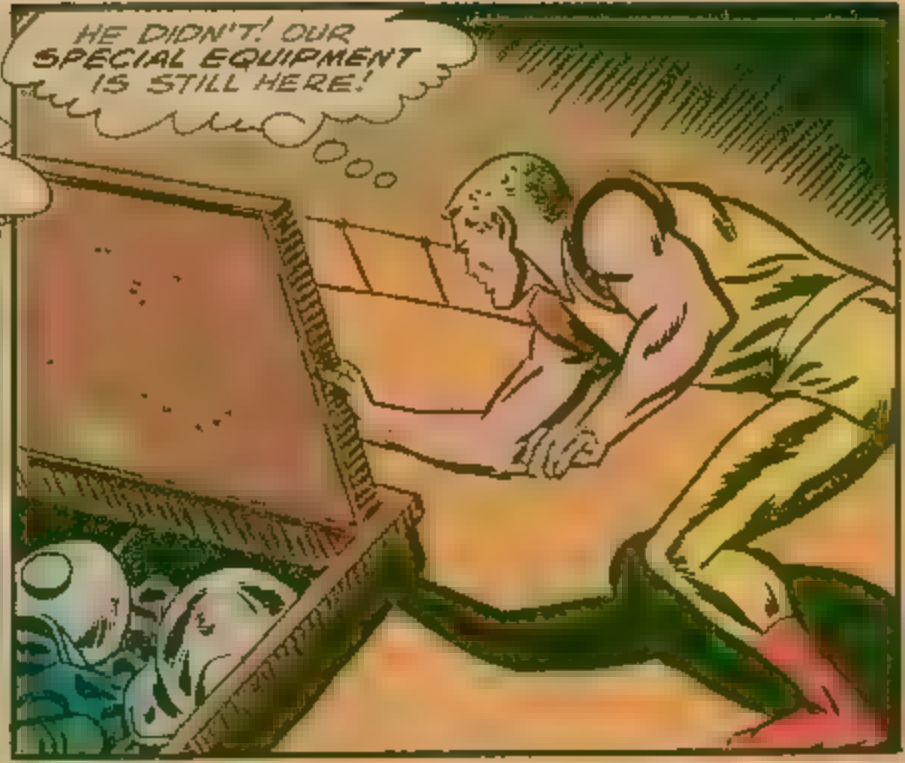
HAW! HAW! HAW!

BIG JOKE! THAT CREEP
KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

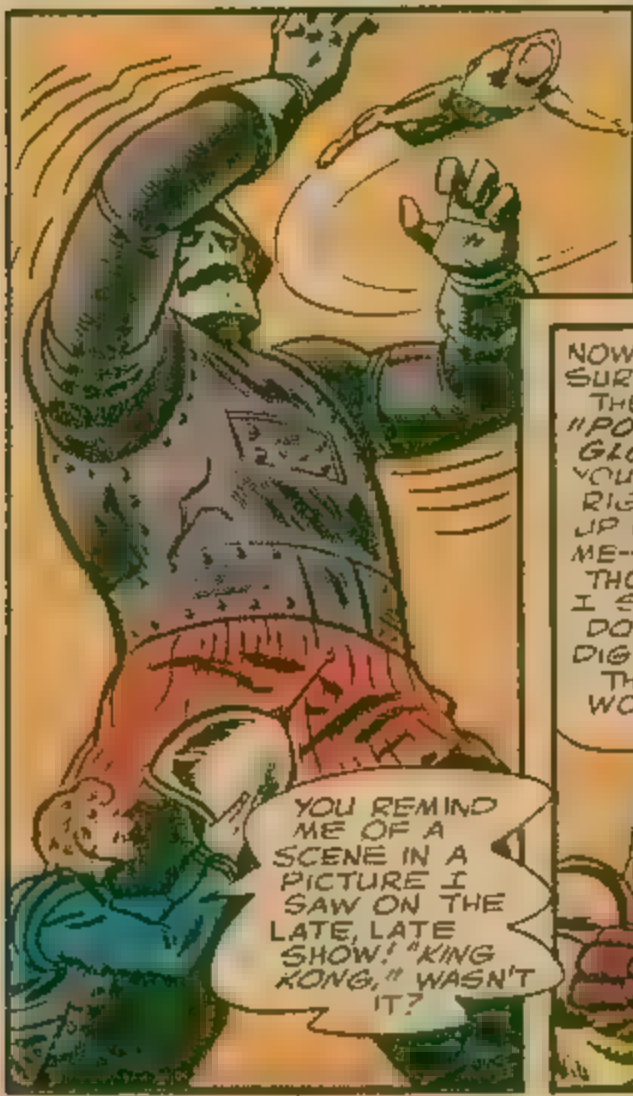




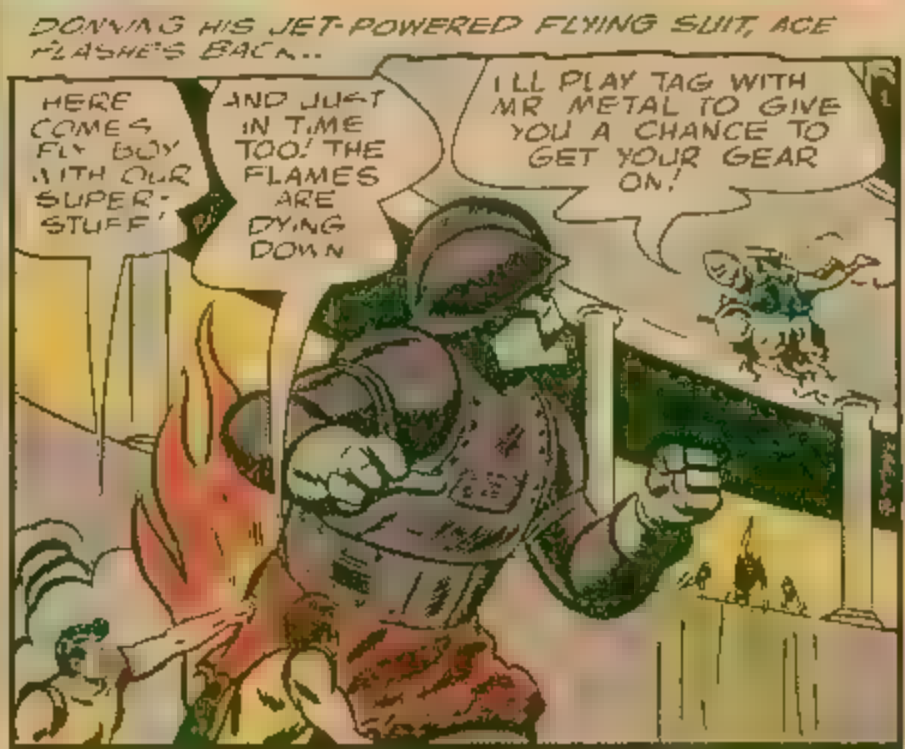
THIS TRIDENT COMES N HANDY 'TIS A LONG WAY DOWN I HOPE MORBA DIDN'T GET AROUND TO SEARCHING OUR BOAT YET!



HE DIDN'T! OUR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT IS STILL HERE!



YOU REMIND ME OF A SCENE IN A PICTURE I SAW ON THE LATE, LATE SHOW! "KING KONG," WASN'T IT?



DONNING HIS JET-POWERED FLYING SUIT, ACE FLASHES BACK...

HERE COMES FLY BOY WITH OUR SUPER-STUFF!

AND JUST IN TIME TOO! THE FLAMES ARE DYING DOWN

I'LL PLAY TAG WITH MR METAL TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET YOUR GEAR ON!

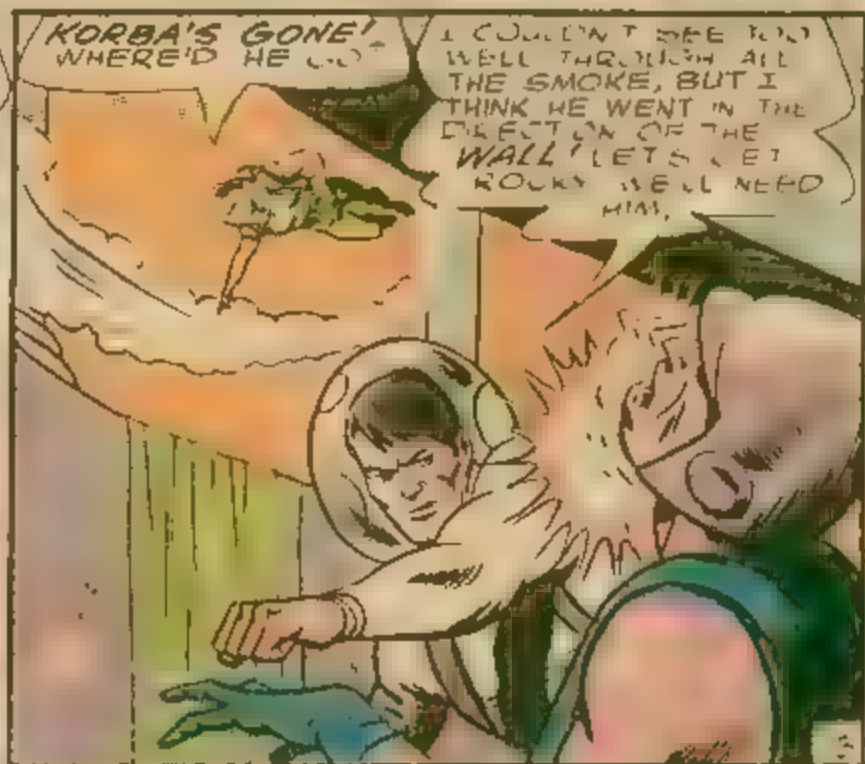
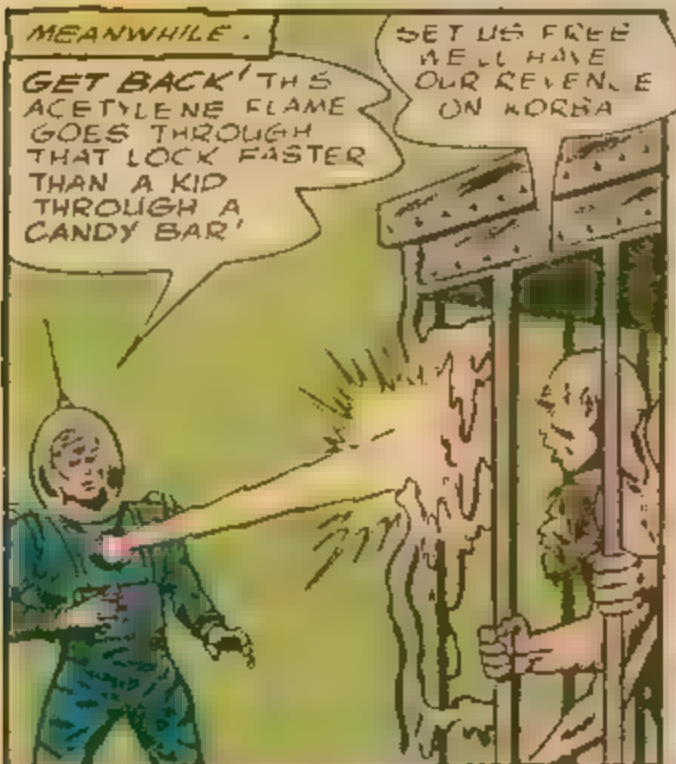
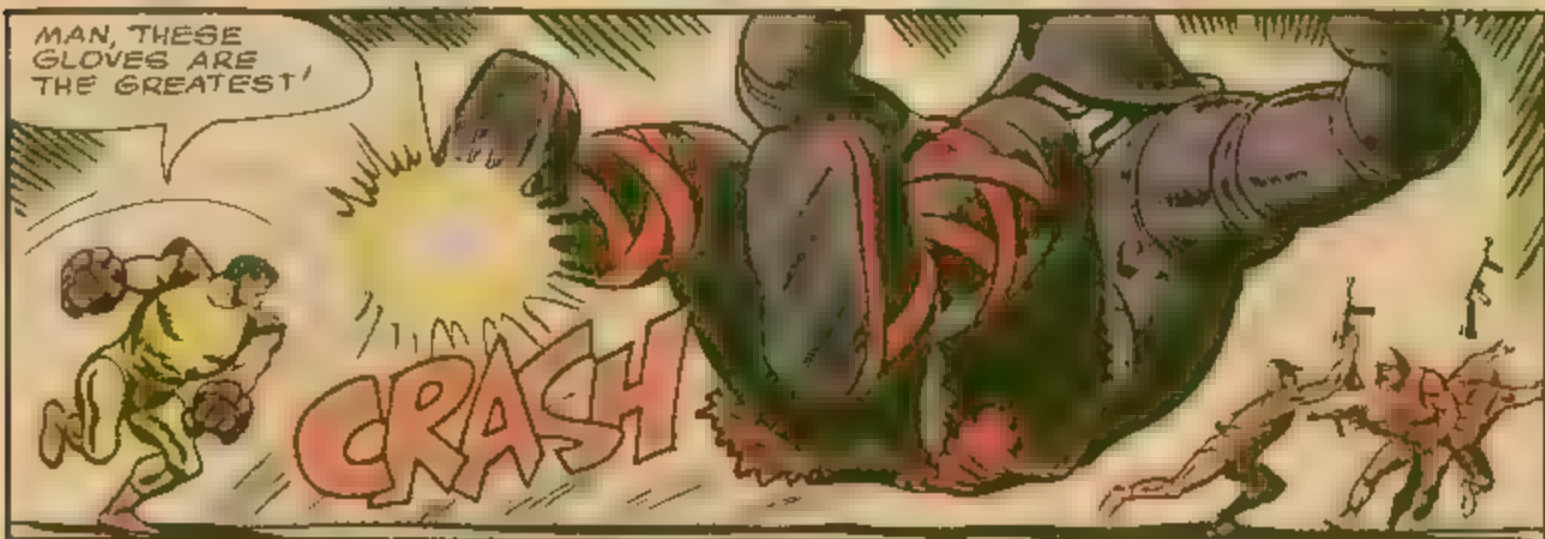
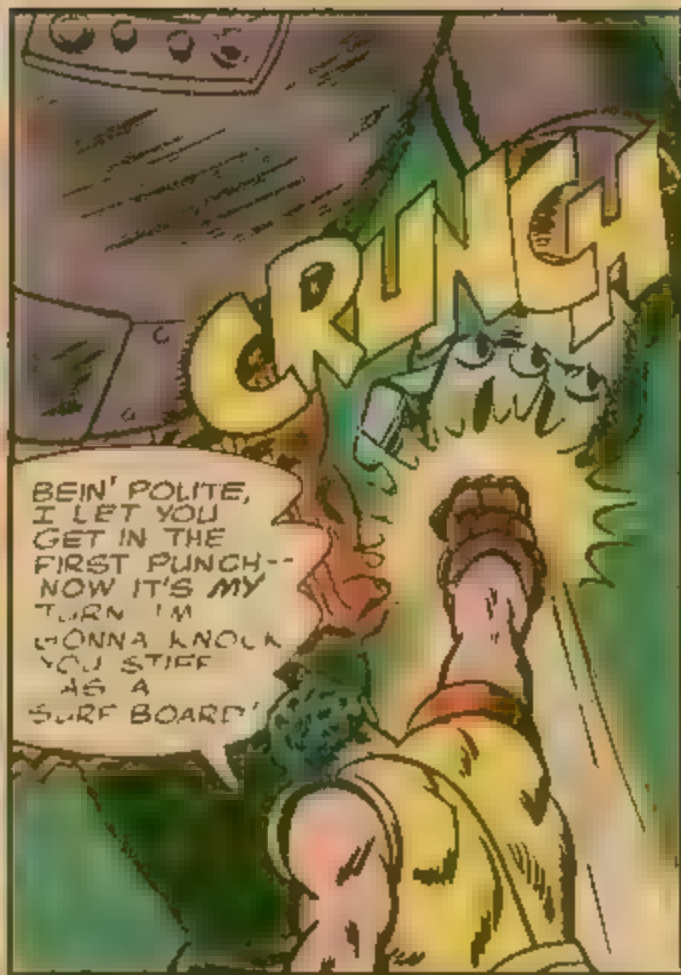
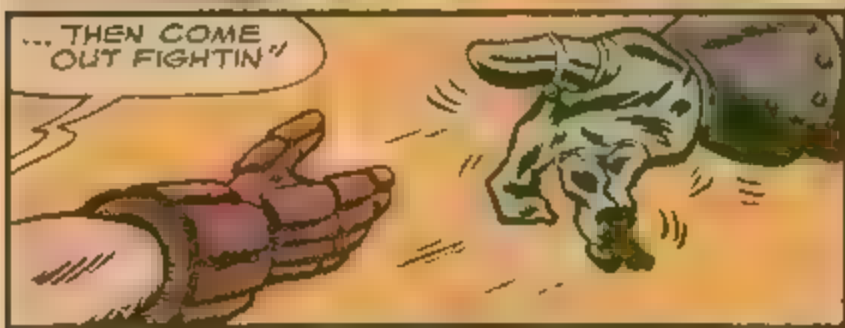
NOW I CAN SURE TEST THESE "POWER GLOVES" YOU GUYS RIGGED UP FOR ME-- EVEN THOUGH I STILL DON'T DIG HOW THEY WORK!

IN SIMPLE ENGLISH ROCKHEAD-- THE "GLOVES" ARE MADE OF A NEW ALLOY THAT ABSORBS SOLAR ENERGY.

.. AND TRANSMITS SUPER STRENGTH TO THE WEARER'S HANDS FOR A SHORT TIME!

LEMMIE TRY 'EM OUT FOR SIZE! IF THEY DON'T WORK, I'LL NEVER HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK FOR A REFUND!





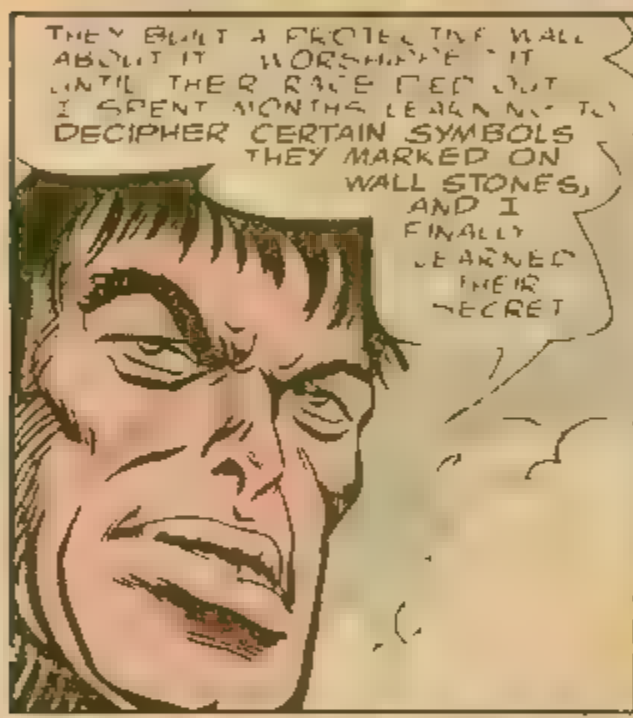


THAT'S MAKING A HOLE IN ONE! GOOD BOY, ROCK— THERE HE IS! GRAB HIM!

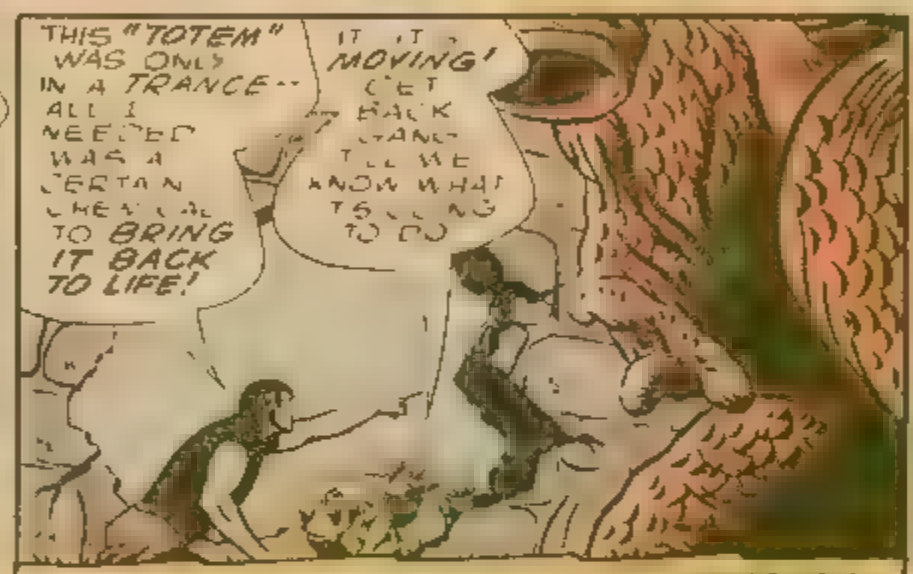
WAIT! SURELY YOU SHOULD KNOW WHAT THIS IS BEFORE MAKING ANY RASH MOVE



MILLIONS OF YEARS BEFORE MAN, THIS ISLAND SPAWNED INTELLIGENT BEINGS— FREAKS OF EVOLUTION! THEIR SPECIES LIVED ONLY A SHORT WHILE, BUT DURING THAT TIME THEY USED CHEMISTRY TO CREATE THIS!



THEY BUILT A PROTECTIVE WALL ABOUT IT. WORSHIPED IT UNTIL THE RACE DIED OUT. I SPENT MONTHS LEARNING TO DECIPHER CERTAIN SYMBOLS THEY MARKED ON WALL STONES, AND I FINALLY LEARNED THEIR SECRET



THIS "TOTEM" WAS ONLY IN A TRANCE— ALL I NEEDED WAS A CERTAIN CHEMICAL TO BRING IT BACK TO LIFE!

IT IT'S MOVING! GET BACK TO THE PAST— TELL ME HOW WHAT I'M DOING TO DO

MOMENTARILY THE BATTLE WAS CHALLENGERS AS WE IT SEEMED THE LIVING MAGNIFICENTLY— WE HAD A PLAN THAT WOULD UNLEASH AFTER 75 YEARS OF SLEEP OF CENTURIES! THE



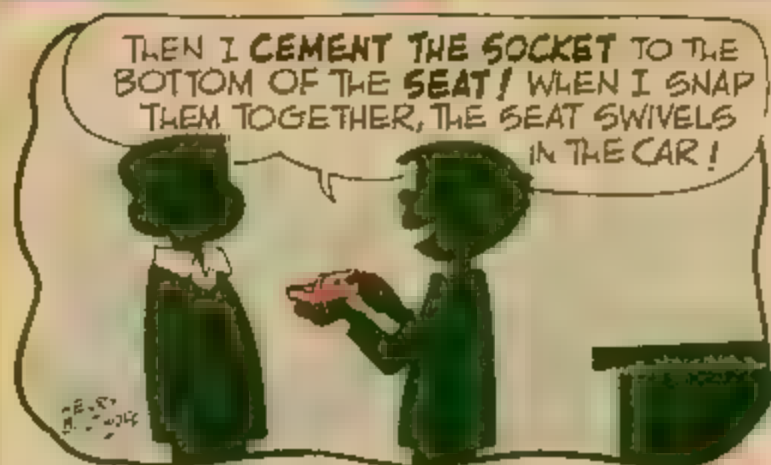
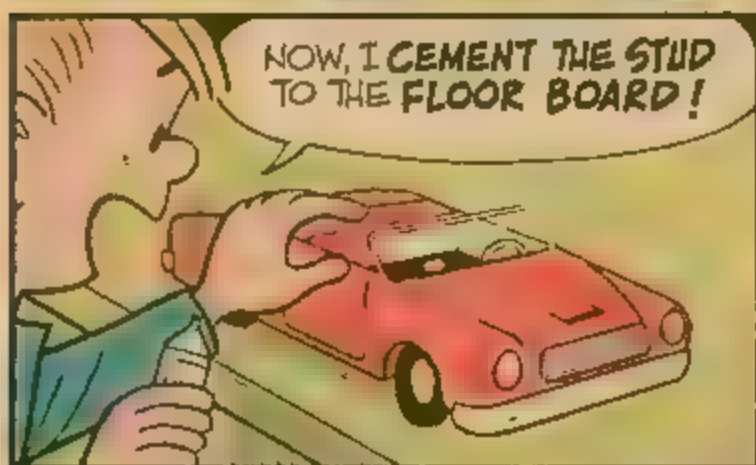
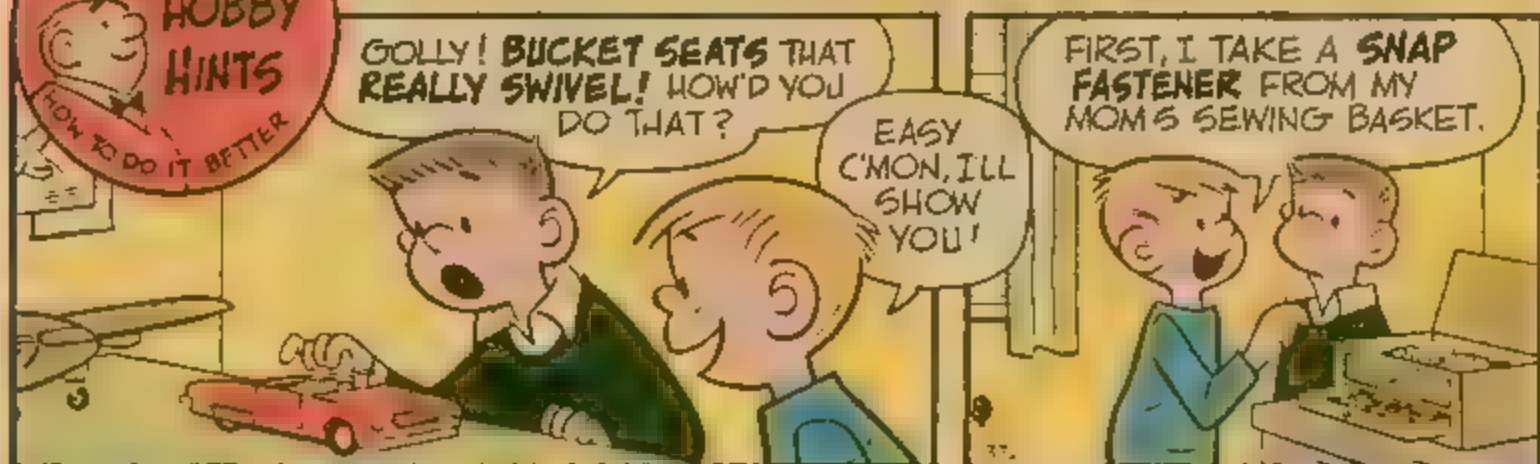
DYNAMITE! CHOICE!

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WE MUST BE DOING SOMETHING *RIGHT!*



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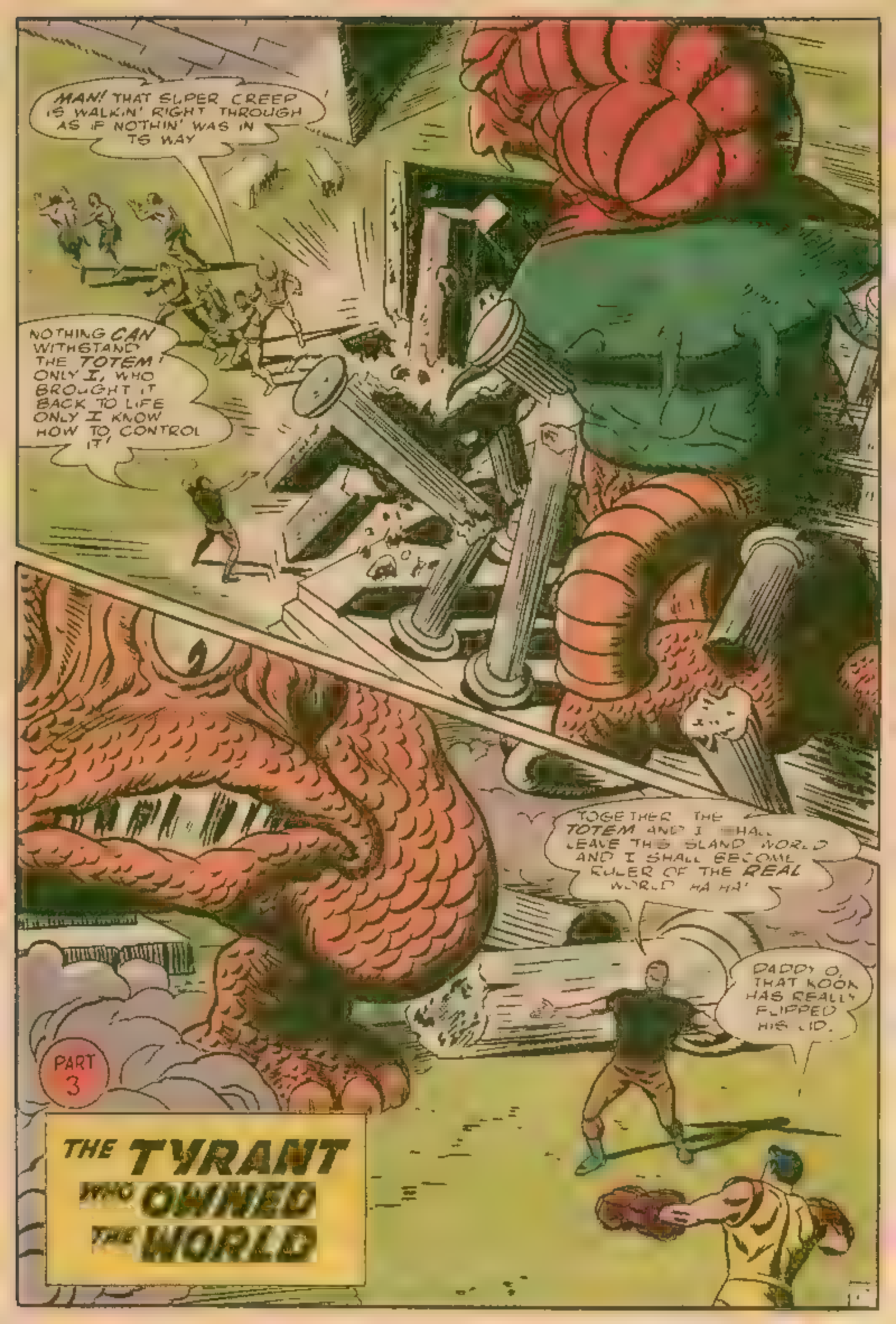
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SUPERBOY—April, No. 128—On sale Feb. 17—Presenting one of the greatest **SUPERBOY** epics of all time, starring two of the **BOY OF STEEL'S** arch-enemies—**DEV-EM**, the Knave from Krypton, and **KRYPTONITE KID**, whose very touch can spell doom for **SUPERBOY**!

HOUSE OF MYSTERY—April, No. 158—On sale Feb. 17—It's the battle of the century! Robby Reed's fabulous **DIAL H FOR HERO** gimmick enables him to become a new super-hero! But this time, a dangerous criminal accidentally manages to "Dial V for Villain!"

METAL MEN—April-May, No. 19—On sale Feb. 17—The unique robots who act more human than humans found themselves attending a birthday party! The only trouble was—they were **INSIDE** the birthday cake!



MAN! THAT SLURP CREEP
IS WALKIN' RIGHT THROUGH
AS IF NOTHIN' WAS IN
TS WAY

NOTHING CAN
WITHSTAND
THE TOTEM!
ONLY I, WHO
BROUGHT IT
BACK TO LIFE
ONLY I KNOW
HOW TO CONTROL
IT!

TOGETHER THE
TOTEM AND I SHALL
LEAVE THIS ISLAND WORLD
AND I SHALL BECOME
RULER OF THE REAL
WORLD HA HA!

DADDY O,
THAT KOOK
HAS REALLY
FLIPPED
HIS LID.

PART
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THE TYRANT
WHO OWNED
THE WORLD



WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE AGAINST THAT MONSTER

IT'S COMING! RUN! RUN!

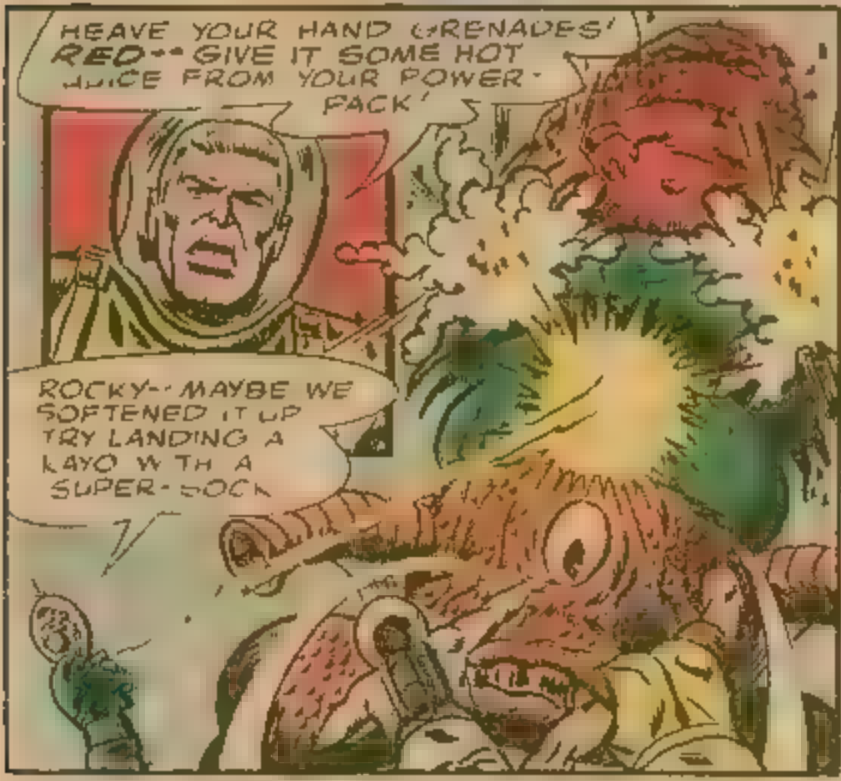
THIS IS WHAT I LIKE TO SEE -- FEAR! HA! HA!



BUT FOUR FIGURES REMAIN -- FOUR STUBBORN MEN WHO CONFRONT IT AS JUST ANOTHER CHALLENGE!

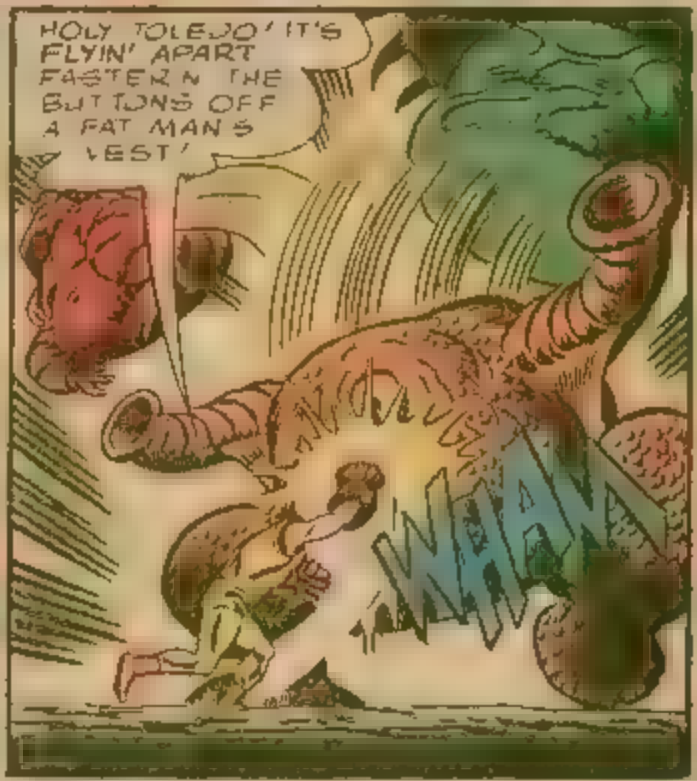
A THING LIKE THAT-- HOW DO WE KNOW WHAT WILL STOP IT!

WE DON'T-- BUT IF WE THROW EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT AT IT, WE MIGHT FIND A WEAK SPOT!

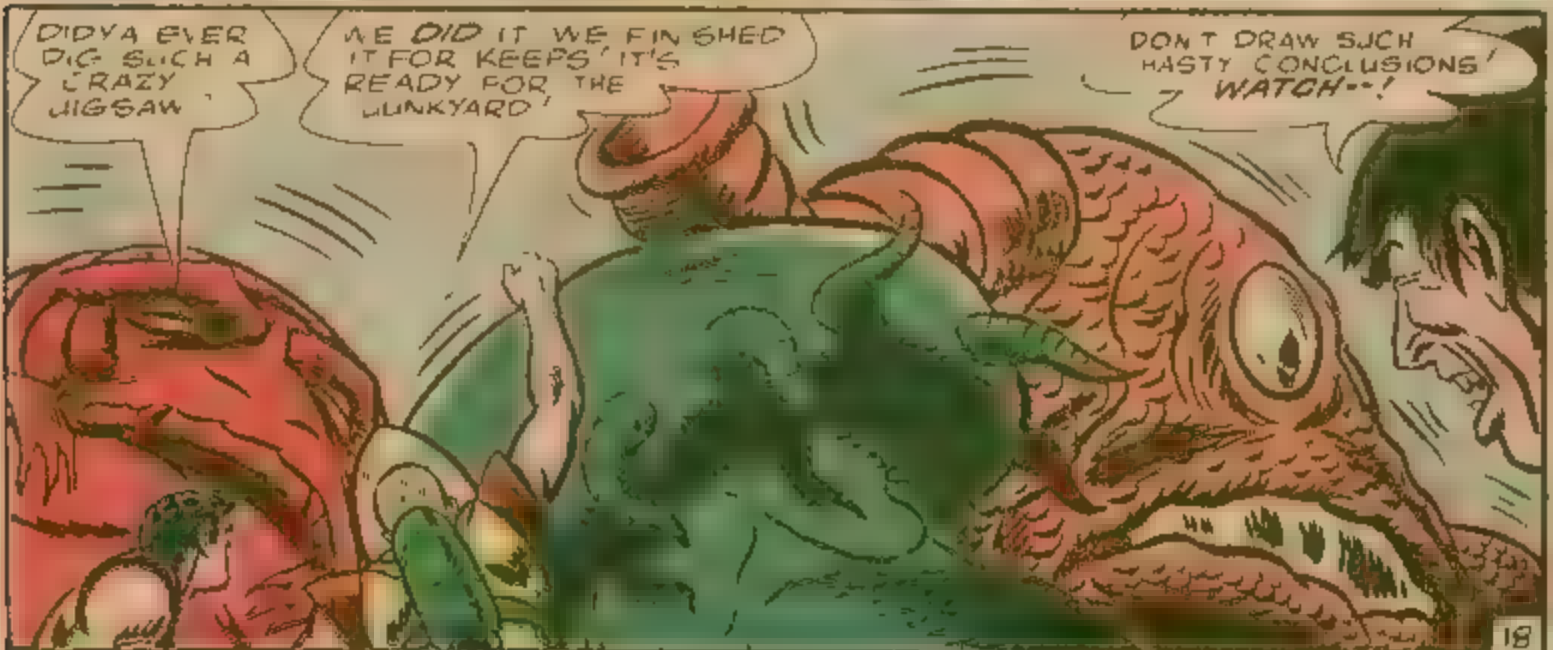


HEAVE YOUR HAND GRENADES! RED-- GIVE IT SOME HOT JUICE FROM YOUR POWER-PAK!

ROCKY-- MAYBE WE SOFTENED IT UP TRY LANDING A KAYO WITH A SUPER-BOCK



HOLY TOLEDO! IT'S FLYIN' APART FASTER N THE BUTTONS OFF A FAT MAN'S VEST!

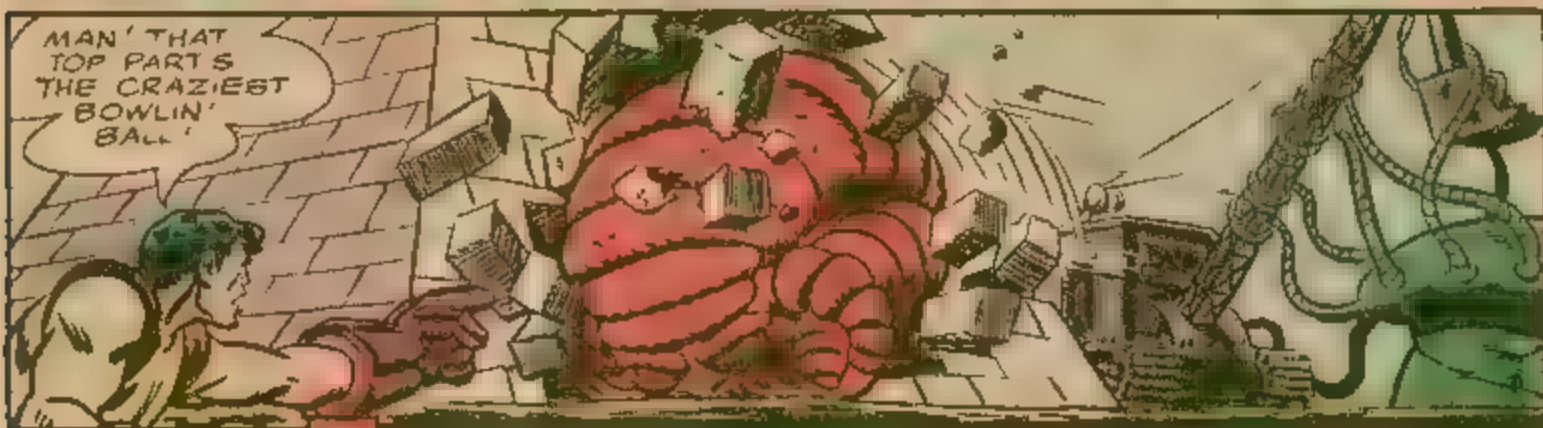
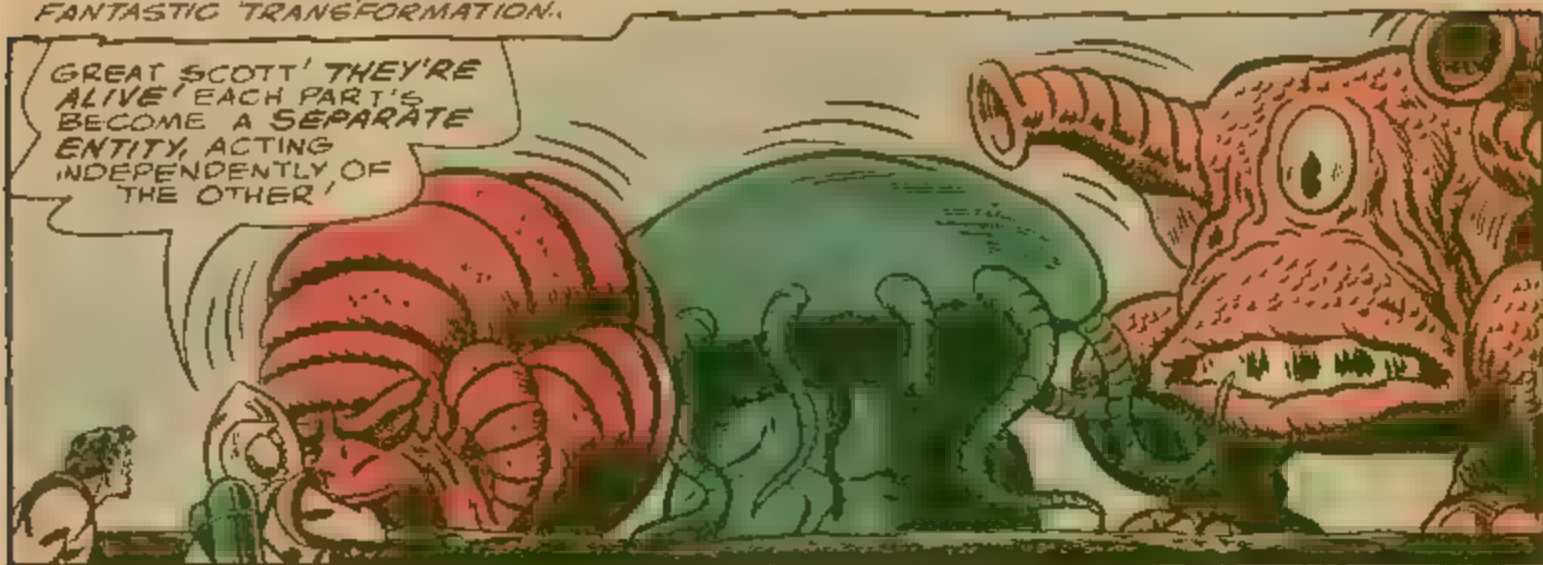


DIDYA EVER DIG SUCH A CRAZY JIGSAW

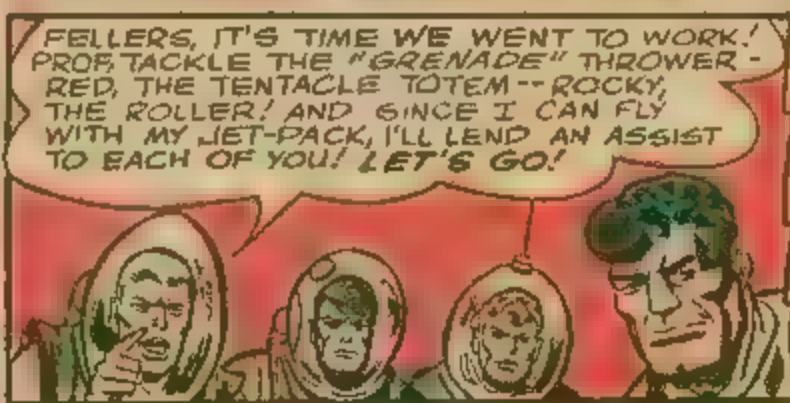
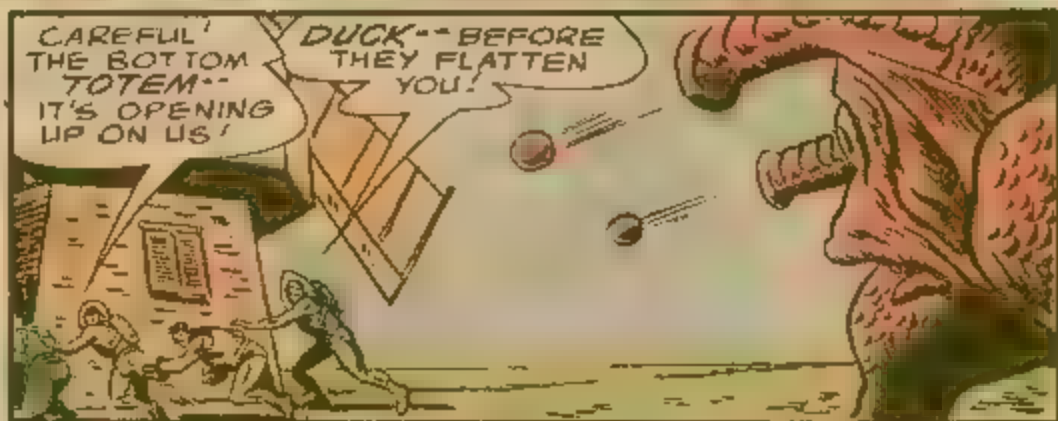
WE DID IT WE FINISHED IT FOR KEEPS! IT'S READY FOR THE LUNKYARD!

DON'T DRAW SUCH HASTY CONCLUSIONS! WATCH--!

TO THEIR SHOCKED EYE-POPPING AMAZEMENT EACH SEGMENT UNDERGOES A FANTASTIC TRANSFORMATION.

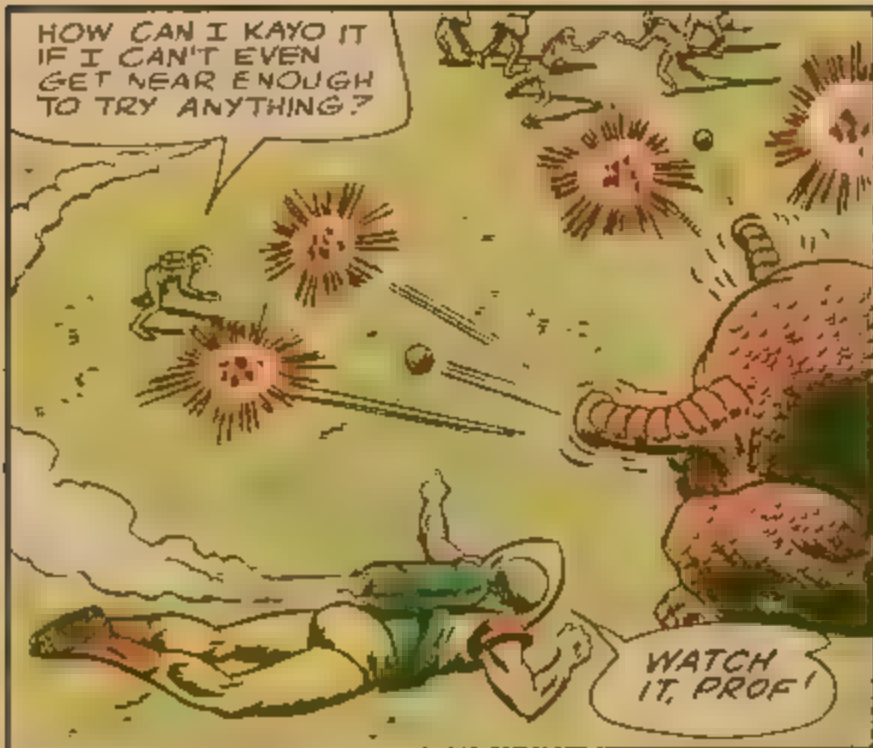


EVEN AS THE CHALLENGERS WATCH, FASCINATED, THE STEEL POWER SHOVEL RUSTS AT ASTONISHING SPEED



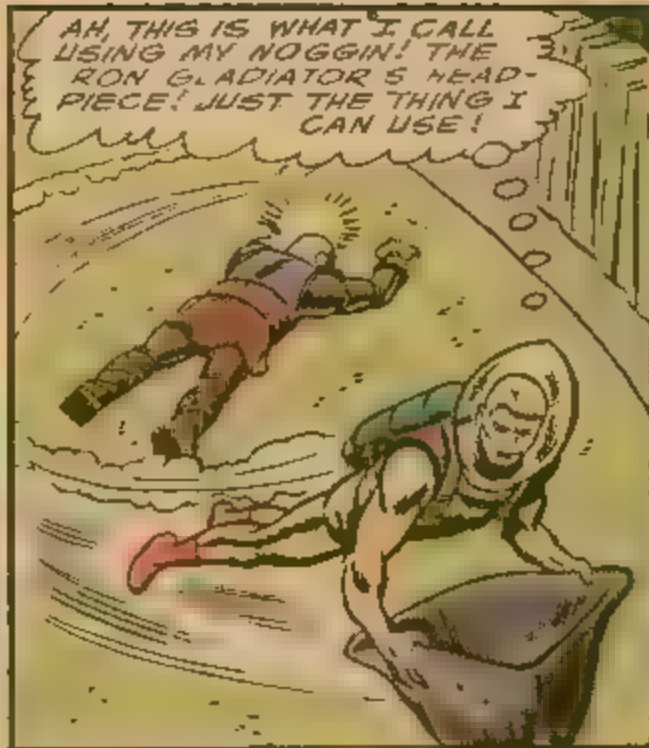
LIKE AN OMEN THE SUN BEGINS TO SET! IS THIS TO BE THE END OF THE CHALLENGERS? IS THIS TO BE THEIR LAST ADVENTURE?

HOW CAN I KAYO IT
IF I CAN'T EVEN
GET NEAR ENOUGH
TO TRY ANYTHING?



WATCH
IT, PROF!

AH, THIS IS WHAT I CALL
USING MY NOGGIN! THE
RON GLADIATOR'S HEAD-
PIECE! JUST THE THING I
CAN USE!



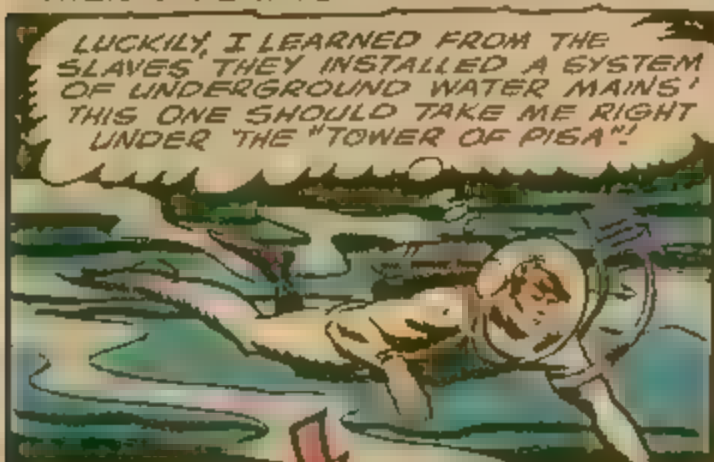
THEN
CRISS
CROSSING
IN FRONT
OF THE
MONSTER
AT GREAT
SPEED.



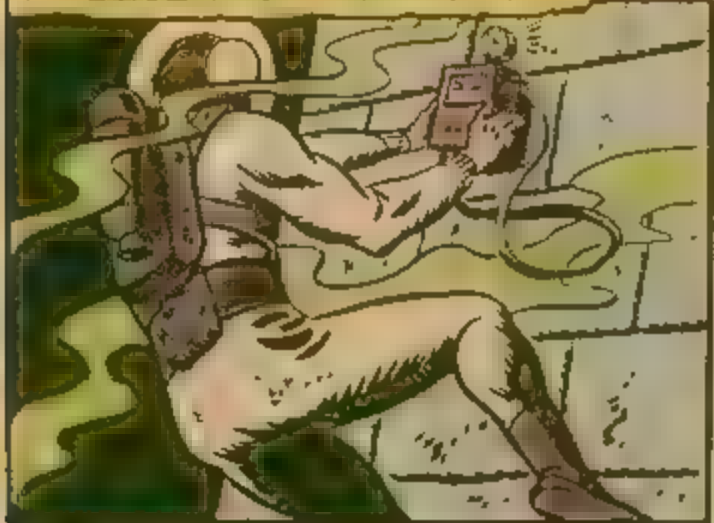
THOSE FLYING FRAGMENTS
CAN'T DROP ON THE PEOPLE
NOW! BUT I DON'T SEE
PROF! WHERE DID
HE GO?

WHERE? THE CHALLENGER'S UNDER-
WATER EXPERT IS UNDER THE SURFACE...

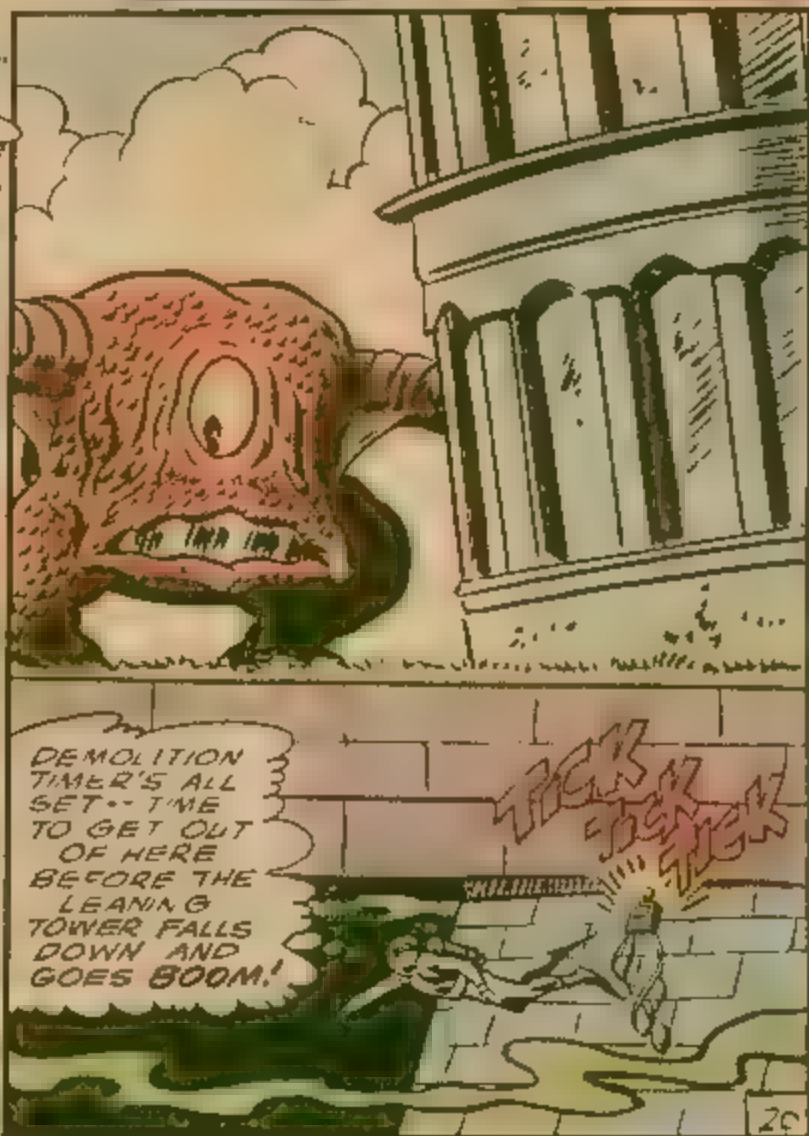
LUCKILY, I LEARNED FROM THE
SLAVES THEY INSTALLED A SYSTEM
OF UNDERGROUND WATER MAINS!
THIS ONE SHOULD TAKE ME RIGHT
UNDER THE "TOWER OF PISA"!



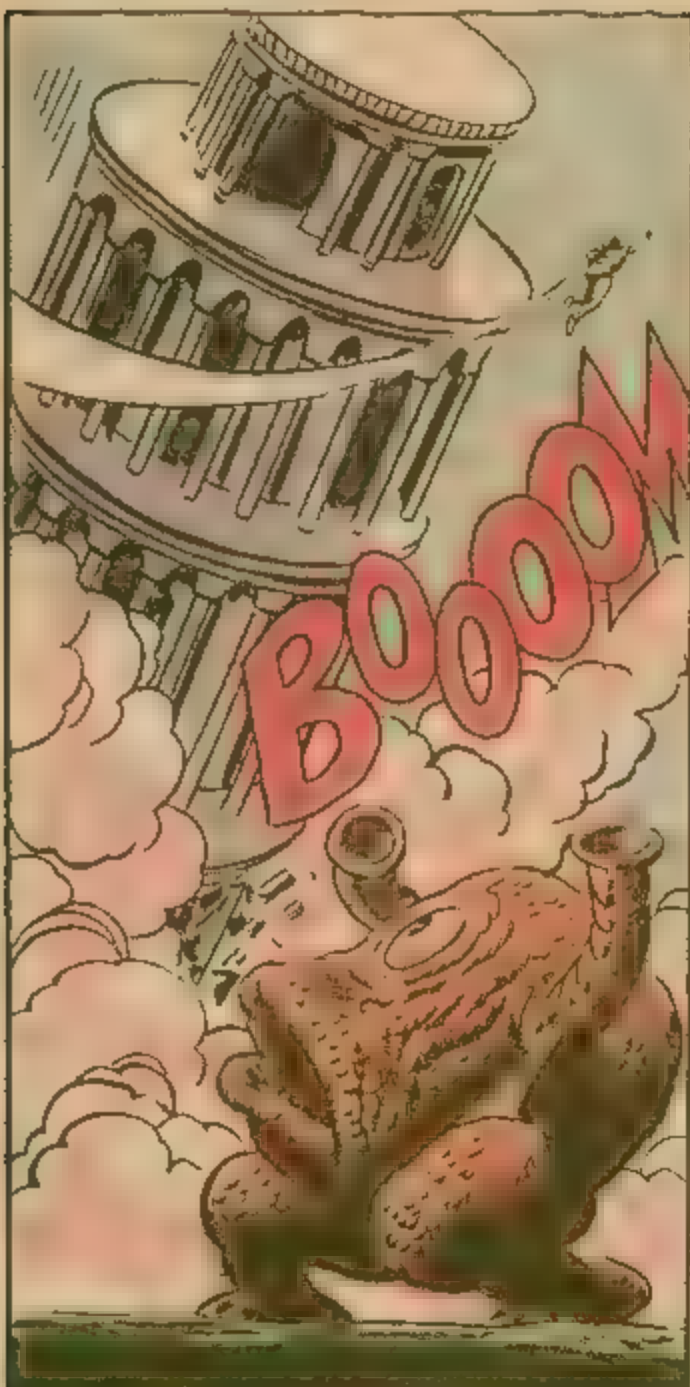
MINUTES LATER PROF REMOVES
A DEVICE FROM HIS POUCH



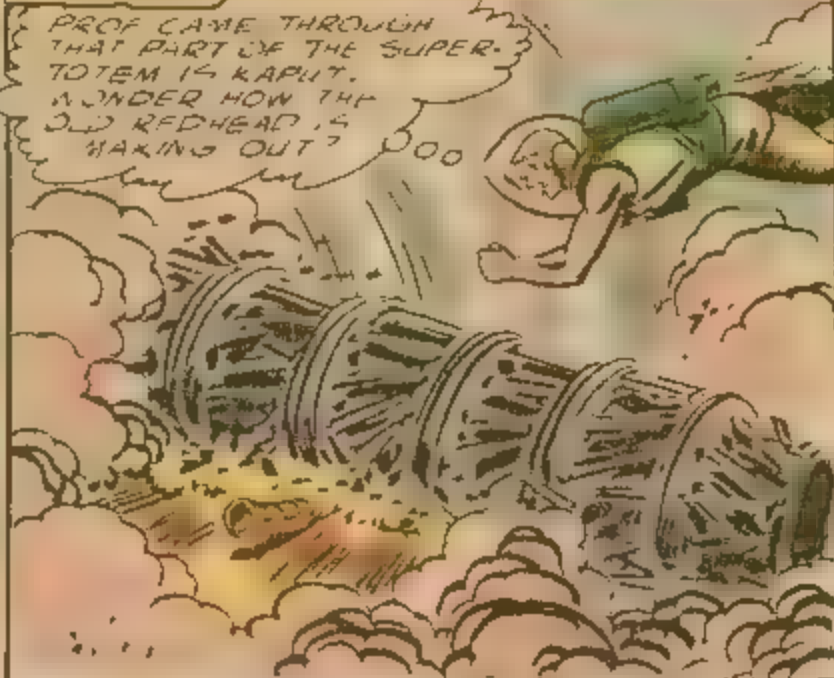
DEMOLITION
TIMER'S ALL
SET-- TIME
TO GET OUT
OF HERE
BEFORE THE
LEANING
TOWER FALLS
DOWN AND
GOES BOOM!



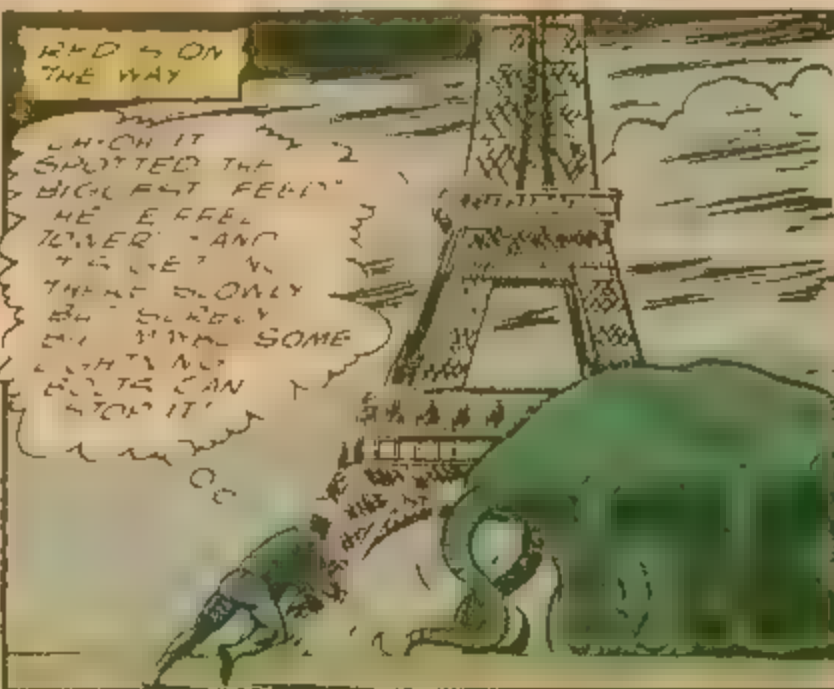
A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION ROCKS
THE REPLICAS FOUNDATIONS



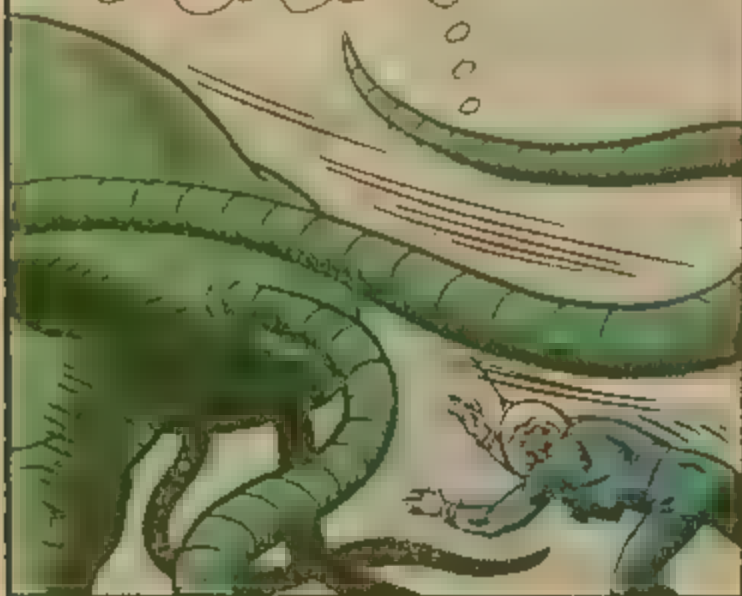
SENDING IT CRASHING DOWN RIGHT ON
TARGET.



RED IS ON
THE WAY



WHEW! ALMOST TAGGED ME! THOSE
TENTACLES WON'T LET ME GET
CLOSE ENOUGH! I'LL HAVE TO
THINK OF A DIFFERENT GIMMICK
LET'S SEE... MY MOUNTAIN-
CLIMBING EXPERIENCE MIGHT
COME IN HANDY!...



THIS CABLE FROM
THE STORAGE SHED
SHOULD DO THE
TRICK-- ONCE I
FASTEN IT INTO
PLACE I HAVE TO
WORK FAST-- THAT
THING WILL BE
HERE ANY MINUTE!



AND AS THE TENTACLED TERROR
MOVES IN, RED MOVES OUT!

VOW THAT I'VE GOT THE
OTHER END OF THE CABLE
ATTACHED TO MY POWER-
PACK, I'M READY FOR
THAT CRAWLY
CREEP!

I CAN STAY OUT
OF REACH OF
THOSE TENTACLES.
WHILE I FEED
LIGHTNING FROM
MY POWER-PACK
INTO THE CABLE
AND ELECTRIFY
THE WHOLE
TOWER!

**CRACKLE
ZZZZ**

THE ROLLER! AND
I USED UP ALL
THE CHARGE IN
MY POWER-PACK!

IT MUST'VE BEEN
ATTRACTED BY THE
LIGHT OF THE
LIGHTNING FLASHES!

THERE ARE AIR DUCTS IN THE
ROLLER! IT SUCKS IN AIR FIRST...
BEFORE IT ROLLS! THAT MEANS
IT'S GOT TO HAVE AIR!

CRASH

ROCKY! USE YOUR SUPER-
STRENGTH TO SHAPE A RAMP
OUT OF THAT TANGLE OF
GIRDERS!

HOW'S IT GOING,
BUDDY?

AS EASY
AS PULLIN'
TAFFY!

1
**DIAL
H
FOR
HERO**

**ROBBY
REED**



THE BOY WHO CAN CHANGE
INTO 1,000 SUPER-HEROES!



**WONDER
GIRL**



AQUALAD



KID FLASH



ROBIN

WILD, WAY-OUT ADVENTURES
OF DC'S SWINGING
JUNIOR SUPER-HEROES!

**DESTINATION
COOL!**

You're
not "IN"

IF YOU'RE NOT
READING THE
LATEST
ISSUES

of



3

**ULTRA,
THE EARTHMAN
WITH THE BIZARRE
MULTI-ALIEN BODY!**



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BALLOON BUSTER!

THE WORLD-WAR ACE WHO
BROKE ALL THE RULES!

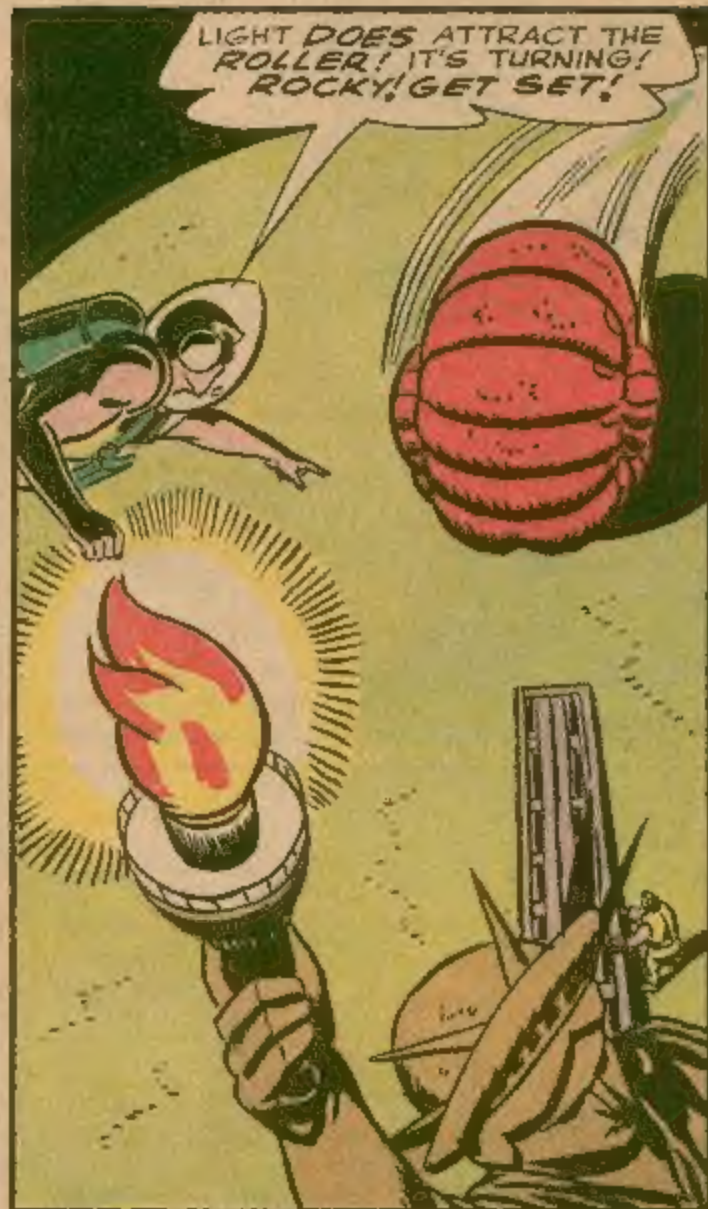
1 **HOUSE of MYSTERY**

2 **TEEN TITANS**

3 **MYSTERY IN SPACE**

4 **ALL AMERICAN MEN of WAR**







THIS ONE'S GOIN' RIGHT OUTA THE BALL PARK!

NICE POKE, ROCKY!

NEXT TIME GIMME SOMETHING HARD TO DO!

IT'LL SUFFOCATE FOR LACK OF AIR IN THE WATER! NOW LET'S FINISH UP THE JOB BY COLLARING KORBA!



LOOK AROUND, KORBA! YOUR LITTLE "WORLD" IS IN RUINS BECAUSE OF YOUR GREED AND HATRED! NOW YOU'LL GO BACK TO OUR WORLD TO FACE THE MUSIC!



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I'LL TRY TO CONTACT A SHIP OVER THE WIRELESS TO PICK US UP!

IT'LL BE NICE TO GET HOME AGAIN! BUT I'VE GOT A HUNCH WE WON'T BE THERE LONG-- WE'LL PROBABLY BE HEARING FROM THE CHALLENGER CORPS AGAIN!

RIGHT! AND THEN IT'S GO-GO-GO FOR US CATS!



THE END



BULLETS BOUNCE OFF HIM!
KNIVES BREAK AGAINST HIS IMPENETRABLE SKIN!
Even **H-BOMBS** CAN'T HARM HIM!

THE WHOLE WORLD MARVELS AT SUPERMAN'S INVULNERABILITY! BUT NOW, HE DEVELOPS ONE MORTAL WEAKNESS! LIKE THE LEGENDARY WARRIOR, **ACHILLES**, WHOSE **HEEL** PROVED HIS DOWNFALL, THE **MAN OF STEEL** BECOMES VULNERABLE TO DEADLY HARM IN **ONE PART** OF HIS BODY, WHERE A SIMPLE POISON ARROW CAN WOUND HIM FATALLY!

DON'T MISS THE THRILL-A-SECOND SAGA OF...

"SUPERMAN'S ACHILLES' HEEL!"



NOW ON SALE!

CHALLENGERS' MAIL CHUTE



Dear Editor: Sure, and I love our *Challengers*, especially Prof, because he uses his brains more than brawn, as Rocky always does. I don't go for super-heroes, and that's why I don't dig the Challs' souped-up powers. Skill, resourcefulness, and the li'l ol' grey matter should pull our boys through anything. While we're on the subject, how about a yarn in which our buddies battle an ordinary, everyday gang of villains like "Thrush," the foes of "UNCLE?"

Chuck Robinson, II, Charleston, W. Va.

Yeah, how about it, Chuck? How about our *Challenger-Haters*: Kra, Volcano Man, Drabny, and that li'l ol' meanie Multi-Man, and, once in a while, his girl friend Multi-Woman? And how about that grinning, ghastly ghoul, The Gargoyle? We've had a whole rash of villains who make "Thrush" look like a bunch of school-dropout baddies! About the Challs' super-powers: if you've been with us all along, since they perfected their inventions, that is, you'd note that they seldom depend on 'em. Like you said, they prefer to use skill, resourcefulness, and the li'l ol' grey matter to win their wars.

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Dear Editor: Congratulations to all hands at National for turning out the whopper of the year. "The Sinister Sponge-Man" in No. 47 was absolutely terrific! He made such a deep impression on me, I hope you don't decide to leave him down there, squandering away his life at the bottom of the sea.

Charles Pekar, Boston, Mass.

We never thought we had such a hit on our hands until the mailman began to dump letter-filled bags on the floor. So what can we do in the face of such popularity? Haul him topside for another go with our Challs, but this time he's going to get the full treatment. It'll be a book-length blockbuster, and what'll give it special import is that our four fabulous fear-fighters will have that famous team—the Sea Devils—who appear in their own book—as guest stars! Ol' reliable Bill Finger, who made Batman a household name, is writing the script and Bob Brown's storing up a whole new supply of brushes in his bullpen. So to get back to your congrats, Charlie, thanks ever so much. We must be doing something right!

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Dear Editor: I won't describe my utter delight and joy in No. 48's "Twilight of the Challengers." Nor

can I ever thank you enough for introducing me to such a team as *The Doom Patrol*. Somehow, they never appeared on the racks at my neighborhood newsstand. To make sure I read all DP epics from now on, I'm enclosing a subscription form with money attached. Anyway, in one of the scenes, Robotman is shown battling underwater, without an air tank as worn by the others. How come?

Annemarie Berrard, Ontario

We thought everyone knew by now about those four fabulous freaks, who bill themselves as "the world's strangest heroes." They were banded together by Doc Niles Caulder, "The Chief," because he felt that these outcasts could still lead valuable lives, helping themselves and serving humanity. Not being familiar with DP, you couldn't know that Robotman didn't need an air tank. He has a built-in device for breathing because his human brain needs oxygen to survive. Sure, he's unique, but what do you expect from a bunch who bill themselves as "The World's Strangest Heroes?" Glad to have you aboard the DP bandwagon!

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CHIT-CHAT FROM THE MAIL CHUTE: Add to your list of fan magazines: "Voice of Comicdom," Golden Gate Features Syndicate, 60 Gladys St., San Francisco, Calif.; "Super Adventures," edited by Marvin Wolfman, 142-18 59th Ave., Flushing, N.Y. . . . Anybody wanting to join a Challs fan club can contact Kenny Bornstein, 2 Sunnyside Dr., Yonkers, N.Y., which has room for one more member. . . . Cynthia Sweeney, Hartford, Conn., writes "The Terrors of Mr. Tic-Tac-Toe" was the most original opus she ever read! We've got more where that came from, Cyndie!

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